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File Heading.

Petition of the Bangalore City Water Board (Revision of terms for financing it).

From

The Hon. Chairman, Bangalore City

No. 147 Dated 26. 5. 25 Received 27. 5. 25

Diary No. 7617 Enclos. 4 Spare Copies. Serial No. 21

Brief Abstract of Letter.

Chairman submits twenty petitions received in response to the notice issued inviting objections to the proposals made in the Bangalore City Water Scheme Report of Mr. Taylor Consulting Engineer to the Corporation and states that the objections raised in the petitions, five issues of which have been made out by the petitioners themselves, could reasonably be met by the Board and that the petitioners have no objection to the Board's proposals to proceed with the Scheme as submitted by the Consultant subject to certain modifications to carry out the suggestions made in the petitions.

The existing rates of water tax, tax on vacant sites and tolls on vehicles and animals for the purpose to be employed for the proposed scheme accompany the Board's letter with a view to [illegible]

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(1) Working out charges to be incurred for interest, sinking fund etc in connection with the framing of a scheme for duplicating the Rising Main and effecting necessary improvements to the Municipal Water Supply and (2) Entering into negotiations with Govt in this behalf.

2. Sanction of Govt is necessary for the proposed enhancement of rates and hence may be sanctioned and proposal may be moved in Council as per rules.

3. Sanction of Govt is necessary to the alteration in the existing rule under Sec 46 (1) (a) (b) of the Madras Local Boards Act.

4. The Municipal Council can increase income from three sources to meet the charges for the interest and sinking fund charges for the loan proposed for the water supply improvement

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5) This question raised in this file might be taken up for consideration after the decision of Govt regarding the loan to be raised for water supply scheme

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6) As the question municipality has to bear maintenance charges, the question may be considered by Govt.

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b) Those below mentioned [illegible] Schemes are closed [illegible]

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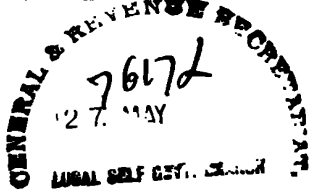
OFFICE OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Bangalore City, Dated.....26th...M..a..y.....192 5.



From

M. G. KRISHNASAMI RAO., Esq., B.A.,
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
BANGALORE CITY.

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Local and Legislative Departments,
Bangalore.

SIR,

In continuation of this Office No. 126 dated 8th April 1925, stating that a notice dated 30th March 1925, was published in the "Mysore Gazette," dated the 2nd April 1925, inviting objections to the proposed enhancement of taxes under certain heads in Bangalore City and that a further report would be submitted after the objections, if any, were received, I have the honor to state that, in response to the notice, twenty petitions were received. All these petitions were considered at the meeting of the Council held on the 16th May 1925 and a copy of the proceedings is submitted herewith for the information and orders of Government, with a copy of the notice dated 30th March 1925. The twenty petitions received in response to this notice are also submitted in original.

2. I would, in this connection, invite the particular attention of Government to the terms of the Resolution embodied in the report of the proceedings of the meeting submitted with this letter. The Council, I may add, feel that no case has been made out by the petitioners for dropping the well considered scheme, which the Council have proposed and submitted to Government, that the petitions disclose no specific amendments to it and that therefore it cannot be admitted that the Council is called upon to vary

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or modify to any extent their original scheme. This scheme, they also feel, is entirely in accordance with the original proposals contained in the note written by Sir K. Seshadri Iyer, the father of the City Water Supply Scheme and the tenor of Government's own views made known to the Council from time to time during the past thirty years or thereabouts.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Municipal Commissioner.

Forwarded with Compliments,

Honorary President.

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No. 22.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 16TH MAY 1925 AT 5 P. M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

PRESENT.

Mohamed Abbas Khan, Esq., (Honorary President).

COUNCILLORS.

Mr. U.M. Kumaranthappa.
" G. Muniyappa.
" Dalur Srinivasiengar, B.A., B.L.,
" G. Parmasiviah, B.A., Li.B.,
" V. Venkatesiah,
" G. Siddaveerappa,
" B. Abdur Rahman, B.A.,
" B.L. Ryanna,
" G.B. Raghavendrachar, B.A.,
10. Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer,
11. " C.N. Narasinga Rao, B.A., B.L.
12. " C. Nayavadana Rao, B.A., B.L.,
13. " S. Venkatarangaiengar,
14. " N.V. Kalyanpur,
15. " P. Murugesam Pillay,
16. " P. Subbarama Chetty,
17. " D. Venkataramaiya, B.A., L.T.,
18. " P.M. Basappa,
19. Mr. M.C. Chickkanajundappa.
20. Mr. K. Ramachandra Rao Sindia,

ABSENT.

B.V. Krishnaiengar,
B.K. Garudachar,
S.E.E. Rasvi,
" C.K. Nutteappa,
" S.N. Sitharama Rao,
6. Rev. W.H. Thorp, B.A.,
7. Mr. J.R. Isaac, B.A., M.B.E.,
8. " B.N. Vijayadeva, M.A., Bar-at-Law.
9. " V.A. Krishnamurthi Mudaliar, B.A.

Subject No. 17. Consideration of the petitions received from the inhabitants of the Bangalore City, protesting against the proposed enhancement of Water Tax, vacant site tax and tolls and the proposed levy of fresh taxes on hotels, coffee clubs, cinemas, theatres, etc., for financing the improved City Water Supply.

There were about 100 rate-payers present at the meeting, when these petitions were taken into consideration.

At the outset, the President brought to the notice of the Council that a petition from some of the rate-payers of the 3rd Division, bearing about 35 signatures, and asking for the postponement of the consideration of the subject to the 23rd instant was found in the Office Petition Box. After reading the petition, it was resolved that it might be recorded.

Mr. G. Parmasiviah opened the discussion by explaining in Kannada, the recommendations of the Special Sub Committee appointed by the Council on 16th February 1925 to consider ways and means of financing the scheme of improving the Water Supply, Bangalore City and the several resolutions of the Council on those recommendations of the Committee. He said that

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the petitions received did not disclose any constructive proposals, except some incorrect statements and inconsistent arguments of a general nature, they might all be submitted to Government as required under the rules. He added that Mr. B. L. Byanna had been a member of the Sub Committee and had signed its report without indicating any dissent whatever from it and that it was strange to find him as an organiser of the so-called protest meetings.

Mr. Belur Sreenivasiengar said that so far as he had consulted the tax-payers, he was convinced that they welcomed the measures proposed by the Municipal Council, that one or two persons with the ulterior object of personally attacking him, were spreading all sorts of mischievous -- rumours against the proposal and that although he was an elected member for the 2nd Division, he knew nothing about the so-called protest meetings held there and that no credence need be attached to these meetings, which did not represent the citizens most of whom have absolutely no objection to the measures proposed by the Municipality.

Mr. B. L. Byanna said that the consideration of the objection petition might be postponed, as he desired to read all the petitions. This was seconded by Mr. V. Venkatesiah.

Messrs. P. Subbaramachetty and C. N. Narasinga Rao, said that the petitions covered almost the same general round, Viz., that the control of the Water Supply should continue to vest in Government, that -- Government must bear the entire charges of improvements etc., and that the taxes should not be raised. They also remarked that a few of the -- petitions might be read out and the question disposed of.

Mr. G. Paramasivieh observed that it was not fair to deprive the tax-payers, who had mustered strong from the different divisions of the City from acquainting them with the details of the scheme and that since Mr. B.L. Byanna took a leading part in the so-called protest meetings with his friend Mr. B. Abdur Rahmon, he should be taken to be aware of the contents of the petitions more than any one else and on that account the consideration of the subject should not be postponed.

On hearing these arguments, Mr. V. Venkatesiah, who had seconded Mr Byanna's motion, withdrew his support from it and it was accordingly declared lost for want of a seconder.

Mr. E. Abdur Rahman requested that the petition of the Bacoorgudi Division people and the petitions received from Ullaerpet and A Divisions might be read in full as to know the views of the petitioners. This request was acceded to, as Messrs. R. L. Kyenna and V.H. Hanumanthappa also made the same request.

The President remarked that all the petitions had been circulated among the members of the Council. When questioned by the President, Messrs. R. Gopalaswami Iyer, V. H. Hanumanthappa and E. Abdur Rahman said that they had all read the petitions. The above said petitions were then read in extenso. Messrs. R. Gopalaswami Iyer, V. H. Hanumanthappa and E. Abdur Rahman took part in the discussion. The Council found that the objections preferred in the said petitions were all old.

Mr. C. Permanaiyan then proposed Khanna and Mr. Kolur Sreenivasa Iyengar seconded the following proposition:—

Resolution:— "Resolved that as in the opinion of this Council, the petitions and protests do not disclose any definite proposals either to amend or alter the proposed changes in the system of taxation elaborated in the resolutions of this Council at their meetings dated 28th February 1925 and 7th March 1925, the Council accordingly hereby confirm the same without any modification and submit the same to Government under Section 60 of the Municipal Regulation with all the relative papers, including the petitions and protests received and the notices and rules issued by the Council in this behalf."

Mr. K. Ramachandra Rao Scindia proposed the following amendment, which was seconded by Mr. C. B. Raghavendrachar.

"In consideration of the petitions from the public protesting against the levy of new taxes in the City Municipality of Bangalore City, the Council after due consideration decides to raise a loan of only 6 lakhs of rupees and that of the many taxes proposed the removal of the water tax be dropped and the rest to be supplemented by Government."

Mr. C. Rayavendra Rao spoke at length on this amendment and said, inter alia, that its adoption would mean rectifying the Council's original well-considered and well-knit scheme, that such tinkering will

would necessitate a republication of the revised scheme in the "Mysore Gazette, under the Law, and that this would mean loss of time and further inconvenience to the citizens, whose hardships in regard to water were already great.

The President thereupon made an elaborate speech in Kannarese, explaining the entire position in regard to Water Supply in Bangalore City from its first inception and pointed out how important it was in the interests of the people themselves that immediate action should be taken in the matter. He said they might, if they so chose, abandon the proposed scheme but not tinker with it as proposed by Mr. L. Krishnachandra Rao Sindia, as it would mean destroying a well thought scheme, prepared after mature consideration of the whole position. He also referred to certain incorrect statements made in some of the petitions that the house tax had been raised and that the water tax had been increased to 5 % etc., and disabused the minds of the tax-payers present in these and other allied matters.

One of the tax-payers, a respectable old person, rushed into the meeting and exclaimed that the proposals of the Council were fair and just and that the people welcomed the measures.

The President ruled that such interruptions were against the rules and that perfect order was to be maintained by the public attending the Council meeting.

Mr. W. H. Hanumanthappa read Section 74 of the Municipal Regulation, which empowers Government to impose taxes and remarked that he he supported Mr. Sindia's amendment.

Mr. C. Hayavadana Rao, with the permission of the President, pointed out the futility of the amendment and made an impressive speech, quoting several authorities. He said that if Government was permitted to take action under Section 74, the Council would have been practically superseded and it would, under the Law, be debarred from altering the impositions ordered by Government, whereas, he pointed out, if the Council proceeded under Section 60, and its proposals were accepted by Government, it was open to the Council to alter or amend the taxes proposed, whenever they so chose and make fresh amendments to them.

The following 6 Councillors voted 'Against' :--- 1. Mr. C. N. Narasing Rao, 2. Mr. B.L. Eyenna, 3. Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar, 4. Mr. W. H. --- Hanumanthappa, 5. Mr. B. Abdur Rahmon, 6. Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao Gindis

The proposition of Mr. G. Paramasivish was once again read and put to vote by the President and declared carried new con.

Sd. Mohamed Abbas Khan,
Honorary President

"C o p y,"

Municipal Commissioner,
City Municipal Council,
Bangalore.

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BANGALORE CITY MUNICIPALITY.
Notice dated 30th March
1925.

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Notice is hereby given to the inhabitants of the Bangalore City Municipality that, with a view to (i) meeting the charges to be incurred towards interest, sinking found, etc, in connection with the raising of a loan of Rs 10 Lakhs for duplicating the Rising Main, and effecting improvements to the Water-supply and (ii) bettering the existing conditions of roads, the Municipal Council, Bangalore City, propose to adopt the following amendments to Schedule A- Schedule of Taxes printed on pages 47 to 51 of the Rules and Bye-laws of the Bangalore City Municipality, with effect from the 1st July 1925. Municipality.

2. Any inhabitant of the Bangalore City, objecting to the proposed amendments, may, within one month from the date of this Notice, send his objections in writing to the Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Bangalore.

Sl. No.	Schedule A. Name of Tax	Existing rate.	Schedule of Taxes. Proposed Rate
1	Tax on vacant lands.	Four annas for every 100 Square Yards.	Eight annas for every 100 Square yards.
2.	Water Rate.	Three per cent on the rental value in the case of buildings and three fifths of the building tax in the case of vacant sites.	Four and a half per cent on the rental value in the case of buildings and one per cent of the building tax in the case of vacant sites.
(a)		In regard to buildings used as shops or mandies one per cent on their rental value.	Three per cent on their rental value.
3.	Tolls on Vehicles and Animals.	(3) on every Jutka or cart drawn by men, bulls or bullocks, horses, asses or mules-	
		(Laden) ..... 2 annas.	4 annas.
		(4) De- unladen..... 1 anna	2 annas.
		(5) On every Motor Cart -do-	8 annas.
		(6) On -do- .-do- Cycle 2-do-	4 annas.
		(7) On every Tonga-do-2-do	4 annas.
		(8) On every Bicycle or Tricycle----------one anna	2 annas.

M/- M.C. Krishnaswami Rao,
Municipal Commissioner.

Copy
M. C. Krishnaswami Rao
Municipal Commissioner
26.5.25

B.M. 125

Brief of protest petitions in respect of enhancement of taxes in the Bangalore City Municipality

LIST OF LETTERS IN THE FILE

Serial No.	Letter. No.	Letter. Date.	From whom.	To whom.
1	petition	16-4-25	Mr B. S. Basettappa and other residents of Bangalore City	The Dewan of Mysore.
2	-Do-	26-4-2	Mr H. Moorty Rao. Chairman of the public meeting of Rate payers held in Vittarajee Mutt Hall Shankarpur-	The Municipal Commissioner.
3	-Do-	26-4-25	Mr Chengiah Setty Chairman of the public Meeting held at Sree Rameswaram Temple Hall Chamarajapet	The Municipal Commissioner.
4	-	29-4-25	J. Bheema Rao Esq Chairman of the public Meeting of rate payers of Ulsoor	The Municipal Commissioner.
5	-	29-4-25	Messrs, B. Raghavachar, M. Venkata Rao and other residents of Shankarpur. Chamarajapet, Basavanagudi Bangalore.	The president-City mal council. Bangalore.

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6	petition	29-4-25	messrs B. Krishna murti J. Raghavachar and other Residents of Siddi- - Katte and other parts of the City	president City Ml Council
7		30-4-25	messrs, G. Raja Rao Nanjunda Sastry and other Residents of 6th Division	Municipal Commission
8		30-4-25	messrs, B. Kempanna K.V. Nanjappa and other Residents of IV Dn	Municipal Commission
9		30-4-25	Mr J. Bhaerma Rao Secretary Swaraiya Party	Municipal Commission
10.		1-5-25	Mr B.A. Rahamon Chairman of the public Meeting of the Rate payers held at 2nd Division	The Honary president City Ml Council

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11	petition	1-5-25	Mr M.A. Jabbar Chairman of the public Meeting of the Rate payers of V Divisn	Honorary president city mk council
12		2-5-25	messrs. P.G. Rama-chandra Rao, B Abdulla Khan and other Rate payers of the IV Divisn	Commissioner. City municipality.
13		2-5-25	Mr Doddegowda Secretary Rate payers Association mavally	president City municipality.
14		5-5-25	messrs. B Rama Rao, S. Jaya Rama rao and other residents of Bangalore city	President City mk council.
15		5-5-25	Mr N.V. Narayana-murti B.A. B.L. Chairman of the meeting of Rate payers of IV Divn	The Commissioner

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16	petition	9-5-25	messrs puttaiah Sanjeeviah and other Residents of Siddi Kattechickpet	president City Mal Council
17		12-5-25	messrs. S. Laxmana Rao, B. Rudrappa and other Rate payers of III Division	Commissioner City Municipality
18.		12-5-25	messrs Timmaiah Sarige Krishnappa and other Rate payers of the II Division	Commissioner City Municipality.
19.		12-5-25	Messrs. L. Rama Swami Reddi, Malla-ppa and other Merchants of New Taragupet Bazar	president City Mal Council
20		13-5-25	Rate payers of the Second division	Municipal Council

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26-5-25

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Pers. Asst. 15.4.25

GENERAL & REVENUE DEPARTMENT 6544 16 APR. 1925

To

The Dwan of Mysore,

Bangalore.

GENL. & REV. DEPTT. 15 APR 1925 C. D. SECTION.

Respected Sir,

We the undersigned residents of the Bangalore City, beg to submit our protest against the decision of the City Municipal Council in the matter of the enhancement of Taxes under various heads and particularly of Water Tax, for the gracious and generous consideration of the benign Government.

We beg to state that we quite realise the necessity of improving the Water works by duplicating main &c. To do this the benign Government have sent their proposals to the City Municipal Council directing them to find out ways and means for meeting the expenditure required for the same. Thereupon the Council have decided to increase water tax from 5 to 5 % and a general increase of 1½ % or so on the rental values of the houses, to meet the wishes of the Government. No doubt that a few of the elected Members have very clearly pointed out the existing conditions of the people and their acute suffering and their causes, which was not taken into consideration at all

We may be permitted to add that the learned Chief Engineer has pointed out the deteriorated condition of the main line and the immediate necessity of its being replaced. It was also said that the line was laid some 30 years ago and as such it requires reduplication, that in the first place this is work to be executed and the cost met out of the Provincial funds. Such a thing has been forced upon the Poor Municipalities and forced them to accept. For the past 30 years, why the idea of a sinking fund was not thought of nor any adequate

arrangement made is a point which seriously affect the interests of the poor house owners. In considering the present difficulties, neither the Benign Government nor the Municipal Council have paid their least attention to the present local conditions and the acute sufferings of the people. As a matter of fact there was an idea of removing the very water tax and allow water free to the people during the time of the Late Lamented Sree Chama-Rajendra Wodayar Bahadur, G,C,S,I., on a huminitarian point of view. & with this clear understanding it was named after him.

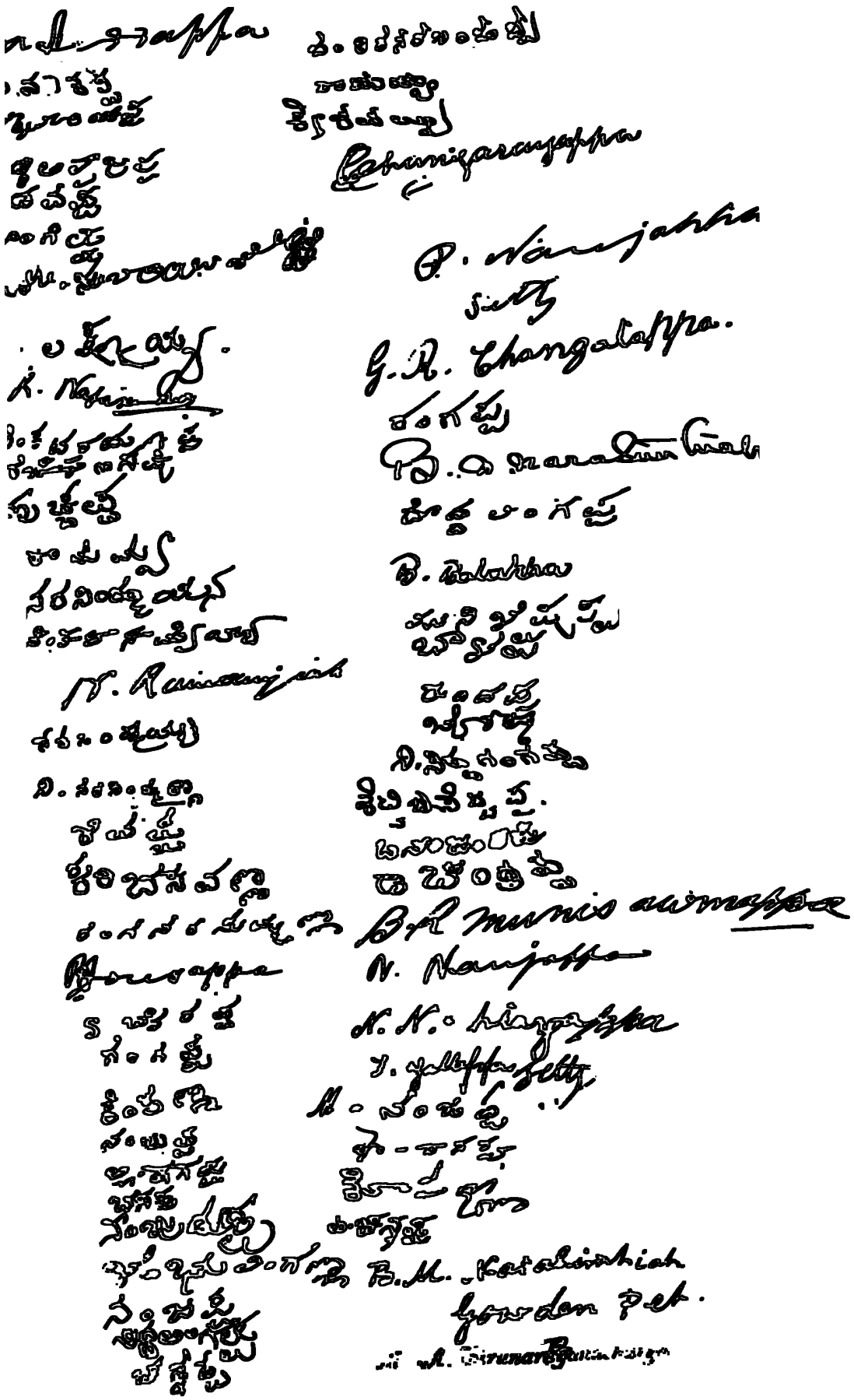
We respectfully beg to submit that all the wells in the City are closed. Some of the Ponds which had perinial source of water supply are also closed. The people were made to depend entirely on taps alone. After such a necessity and training to the people and at a time when every man, excepting a gifted few are actually meeting starvation from day to day, we are called upon to pay additional taxes. It is only we the middle class people and the poor that are affected much by any kind of taxation. The living is already costly, the house rents have become hopeless and if this additional tax is levied, the situation is sure to go from bad to worse. In some cases it becomes a plea to enahance the rates of articles &c, resulting in utter ruin of the people.

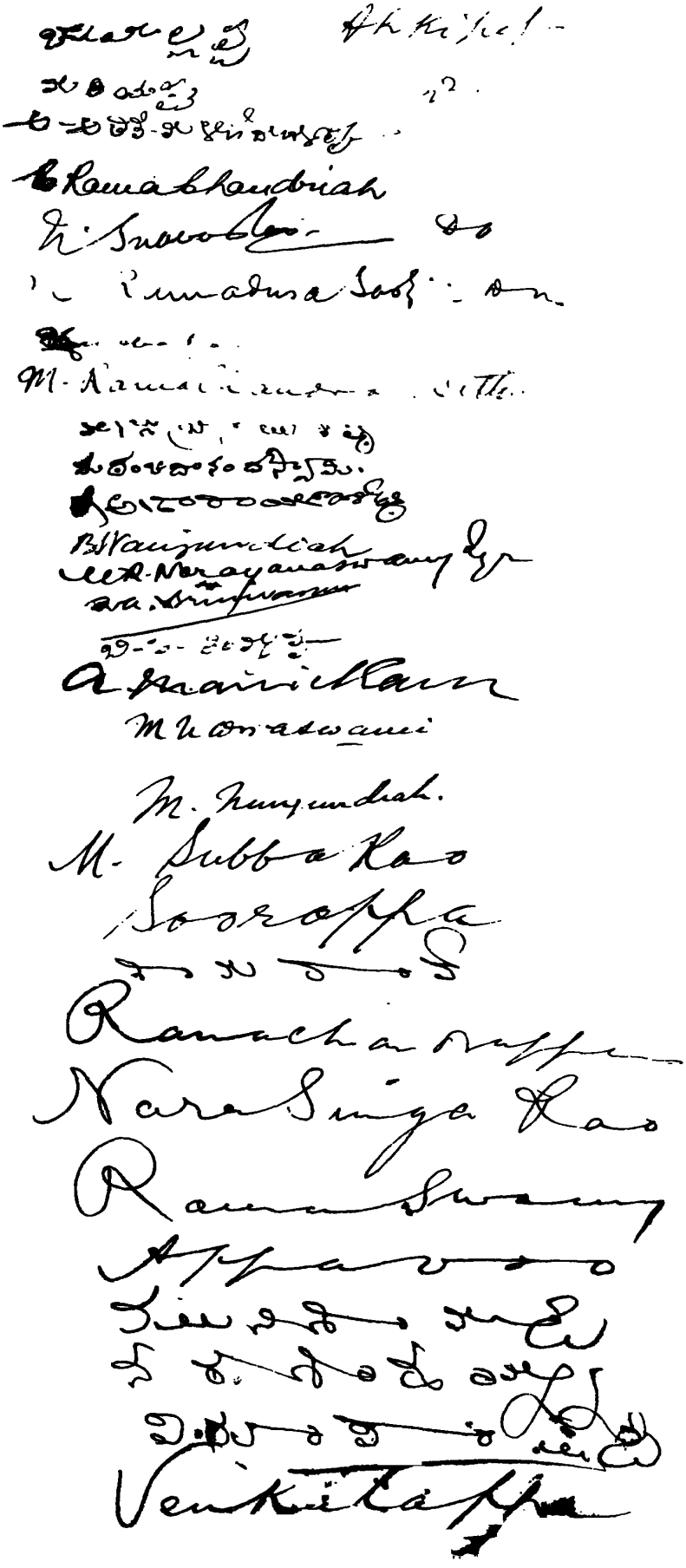
We further beg to add, that, even as circumstances stand, we presume and assure that there are other better ways to find out means and ways to meet the cost of this scheme. A careful inspection of various departments both in the Government and Municipality is sure to bring out good results in finding out ways and means for the funds required instead of sacrificing the poor people.

We respectfully and humbly beg to submit that our present condition is such that we are not at all able to pay the present demands alone and as such we pray that no further burden be imposed on us and make us to bleed.

We learn that the matter is pending before the Govern[illegible] for their approval. We respectfully pray and strongly protest that no sanction be accorded to levy additional tax on us.

We beg to remain
Your most obedient servants,





No:-2

Hundred Feet Second Cross ,
Basavanagudi,
Bangalore City, Dated 26-4-1925.

From

H. Moorty Rao,
Retired Superintendent,
Comptroller's Office.

JNICIPAL OFFICE

The Municipal Commissioner,

City Municipal Council

BANGALORE CITY

Sir,

I beg to forward herewith the Resolutions passed at a Public Meeting held in the Uttaradi Math Hall, Shankarapur, Bangalore City, on 26th April 1925 with me in the Chair. The Resolutions relate principally to the proposed Increase of Water Rate, Tolls and Tax on vacant sites specified in the Notice dated 30th March 1925, published in the Mysore Gazette of 2nd April 1925. I request you to submit the Resolutions to the Municipal Council.

I pray that they may receive careful consideration and that in the meanwhile, the question of enhancing the water rates, &c., may be kept in abeyance.

It is also intended to forward a Memorial in this matter at an early date.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
H. Moorty Rao

Resolutions passed at a Public Meeting of rate payers held in Utharadi Math Hall, Shankarapur, Bangalore City, on 26th April 1925.

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1. That this Meeting considers the proposed duplication of the Rising Main and the raising of a loan for the said purpose unnecessary as water scarcity which is felt in the summer months only can be relieved by strictly enforcing the rule prohibiting the use of tap water for irrigating gardens in the City and for other purposes which are not domestic.

2. That this Meeting is of opinion that the raising of the proposed loan by the Municipality is, in any case, unnecessary and undesirable.

3. That this Meeting strongly protests against the enhancement of the Water rate and levy of the flat rate as proposed.

4. That this Meeting protests against the proposed enhancement of tax on vacant sites and tolls.

5. That this Meeting is of opinion that the management of the Water Supply Works should be retained in the hands of the Government and should not be handed over to the Bangalore City Municipality.

6. That this Meeting is of opinion that the expenditure proposed in the Budget for the ensuing year in respect of the under mentioned items ought to be put off for the present:--

(i) Further construction of Shop Stalls in the Market.

(ii) Acquisition of h near the Market.

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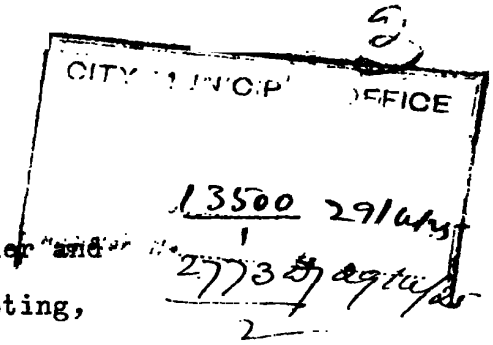

From

M. Chengiah Chetty, Esqr., B.A.,
Retired Deputy Commissioner and
President Public Meeting,
Bangalore.

To

M.G. Krishnaswamy Rao, Esqr., B.A.,
Municipal Commissioner, City Municipality,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, resolutions of a public meeting held at Sree Rameswaram Temple Hall, Chamarajpet, on the 26th instant and to request an acknowledgement.

The resolutions may kindly be placed before the Council, for their careful and kind consideration.

I may add that the time is not opportune for levying new Taxes or increasing old ones.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Bangalore
dated 26th April'25.

Chengiah Chetty
Chairman.

The public meeting assembled on the evening of Sunday the 26th April 1925, in Sree Rameswaram Temple Hall, Chamarajpet, under the presidency of Mr.M.Chengiah Chetty, B.A., Retired Deputy Commissioner resolves.

Read the proceedings of the Bangalore City Municipal Council published in the Gazette re. the proposal to enhance Water Taxes, imposition of a flat rate of annas four a month &c.,

Resolved that:-

1. the economic condition of the people not having improved and as the average income per head of population in the City is hardly sufficient to meet the bare necessaries of life, the time is not opportune for the levy of additional Taxes or increasing the existing ones, to effect an improvement of resources and formulate schemes for expansion of revenue, and the meeting is therefore firmly of opinion that they are not in favour of the Council suggesting an imposition of new taxes or increasing the existing ones.

2. Water being an important and essential article for the sustenance of life, it should not be taxed. Water scarcity is felt, especially during summer months and it is suggested that tap water should not be denied for the use of gardens.

3. If there be a necessity for duplicating the rising main, the meeting urges that the capital expenditure may be generously borne by the Government, (as is the case in Mysore), as the water works bear the much respected name of the late Maharaja SREE CHAMARAJA WADEYAR BAHADUR.

The meeting desires to recall the memorable words of MAHA RAJPOSRI HER HIGHNESS THE MAHARANI REGENT, C.I., who proclaimed that water shall be a free gift to her beloved subjects.

4. In the matter of control and maintenance of the Water Works the meeting is unhesitatingly of opinion, that the existing arrangements may not be disturbed for obvious reasons.

The proposal to levy a flat rate of annas four per month, to

to house connections is a hardship and a real burden on the house owner or occupier and should not be levied, as it is unjust and cruel and is nowhere levied and in the case of old connections it is even illegal.

6. Vacant sites ought not to be taxed as purchasers find it difficult to construct houses, owing to various reasons. They should be encouraged to build houses.

7. There seems to be no economy in the expenditure of tamation. Further, the Municipal administration is undoubtedly too costly forthe Bangalore City. Instead of imposing new taxes or raising the amount of existing ones, the meeting suggests that Retrenchement in the expenditure must first be resorted to, in which case money can easily be found. Expenses should therefore be kept down rigorously.

8. The meeting desires to urge tha the following items of expenditure shown in the budget for the coming year, may be conveniently put off for some years without detriment to efficiency of the Municipal Administration and the amount thus saved, be used for improving the water supply of the City.

a. Laying out the Hosakote Road into a shop street	...	Rs 23,000 - 0 - 0.
b. Construction of the stalls in the rear of the Market frontage	...	Rs 20,580 - 0 - 0.
c. Construction Grain Bazar	...	Rs 54,000 - 0 - 0.
d. Acquisition of properties in front of the New Market	...	Rs 50,000 - 0 - 0.
	Total	Rs 1,47,580 - 0 - 0.

Bangalore,
Dated 26th April 1925.

CHAIRMAN.

No:- 4 CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Protest Meeting.

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A Public meeting of the rate Payers of the third division was held at the Bira Damar Temple Ramasingpet, Bangalore City, on last Sunday evening. Mr, J, Bhima rao of Lochh Swarajya Party was proposed to the chair Nisani Marappa which was seconded by Mr,Vajpayia Venkateshiah Municicommisioner of the division, to protest against the proposed increwater tax . The chairman said that he was thankful to the Municipalit for taking up water works, but he thought the improvement of drainage wa also an absolute necessaity. In his opinion it was the primary duty of t Government to provide water supply. He objected to the Municipality for - raising a loan of Rupees Ten lacs. He wound up by saying that our Municipalities have no real self government, they are only meant to manage the expenditure side.

Mr Niligiri Sanjeevaiah M.L.C. speaking next answered all the o ctions raised by the chair and said that the Government has gone- given full freedom to the Municipality and suggested that rate payers would do well to request the Municipality to abolish the proposed levy of flat ra

Mr W.H. Hanumanthappa municipal counciller speaking next that Cantonment Municipality have proposed to abolish the Octroi and when they abolish it, the City municipality also must automatically abolish the in which case the municipality will not be able to repay the loan of Rupees Ten lacs proposed to be raised for the improvement of water work.

Mr Ramalal Tiwari member of Swarajya party and others spoke co demning the expenditure side of the municipality in respect of the high salaries of the Commisioner and Health officerEtc. After the chairman re ing to the points raised by Mr Niligiri Sanjeevaiah it was resolved by a large majority that " The Government must be requested to kindly bear entire cost of the proposed water works."

Bangalore city

Chair of the Meeting

Forwarded to the Municipal commissioner Bangalore City Municipality fo information and necessary action.

Chairman of the meeting

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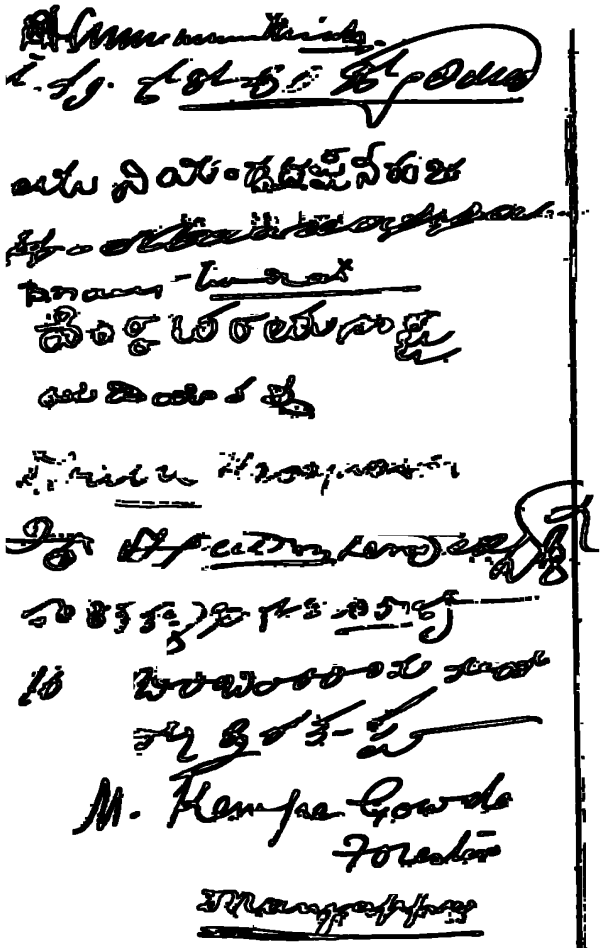

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To

The President,

City Municipal Council,

Bangalore.

29/4/25

CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE
BANGALORE.

Date of Receipt
General No 12425 Date 29/4/25
Dis. No 2738/801

With reference to the Municipal Notification No. dated 30.3-25 published in the Gazette dated 2nd April 25 announcing the enhancement of water rates etc., on all houses and vacant sites with effect from 1st July, we the residents of Shankerpur, Basavangudi, Chamrajpet and Malleswaram extensions beg to protest against the proposals for the following reasons.

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1. It is an undisputed fact that the whole population of Bangalore have long been suffering from an acute water famine in spite of the fact that the large number of public taps have been closed to give a continuous flow of water to the remaining taps. To improve this condition the Municipality proposed to enhance the rates for the supply of water.

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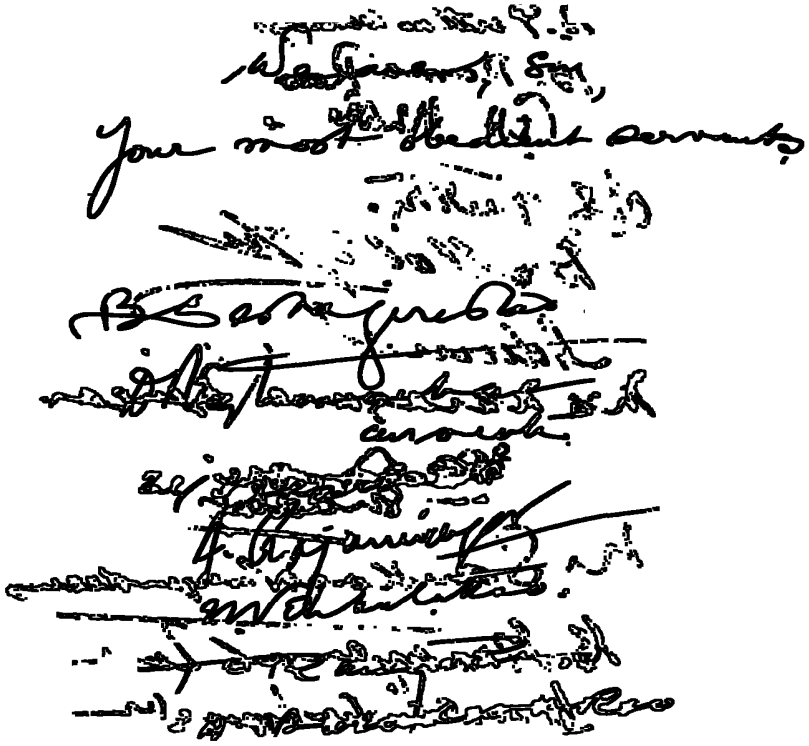
In the principle the taxes imposed by the Municipality are for services rendered by them. It will be only fair and equitable to enhance the rates after improvements are actually affected and better facilities are provided. The Municipality's decision is to take over the water works from July next year and it is premature and ultra-vires to levy the enhanced revenues from July this year. The present rates for water supply lighting, conservancy etc, already exceed the amount of house tax on which the former is based and as such further increases such as those now proposed tell very heavily on the householders and this is not the proper time being famine time to levy such rates.

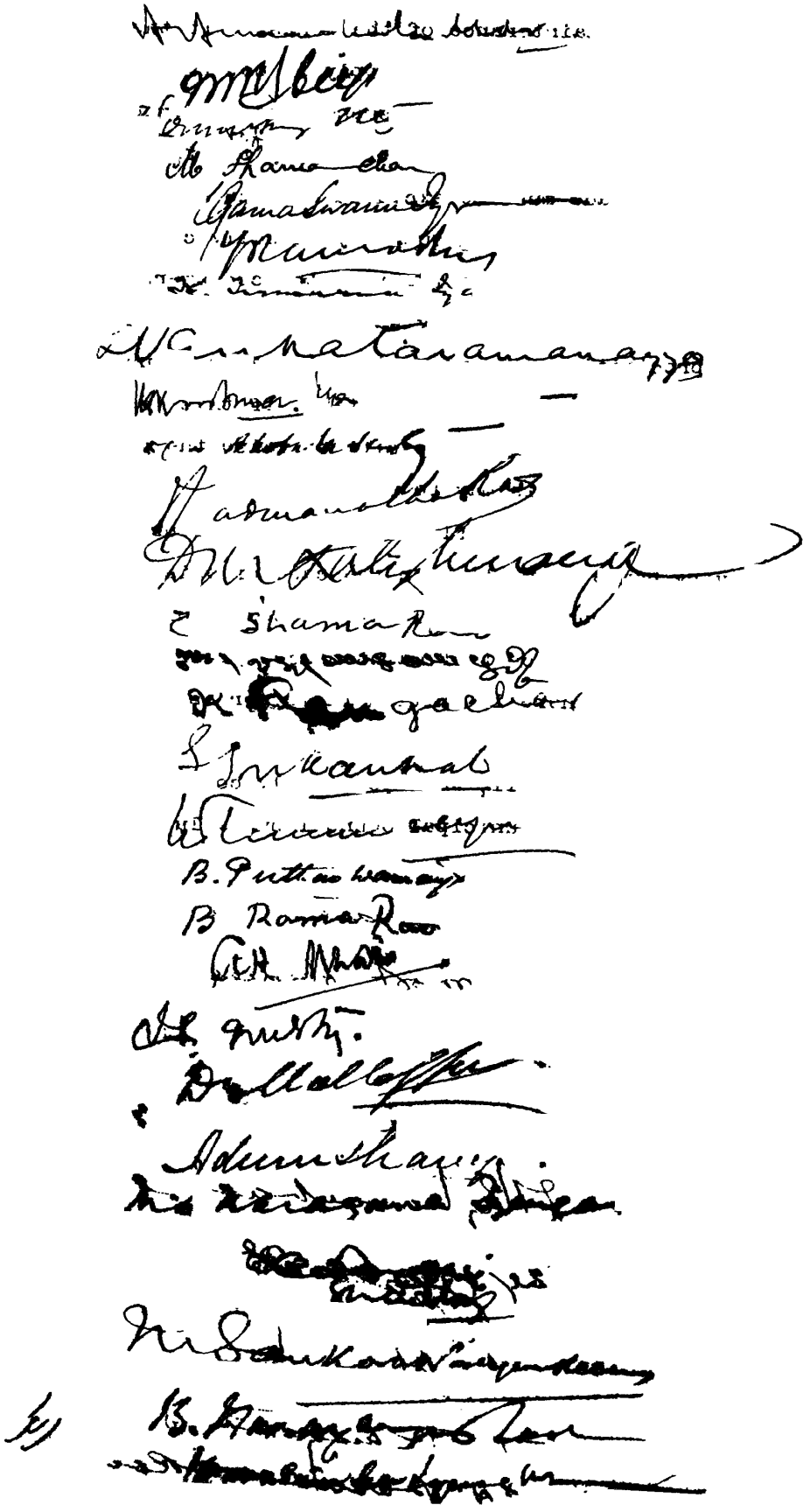
If any enhanced rates are to be levied the rate has to be so fixed as to be just sufficient to make for the loss

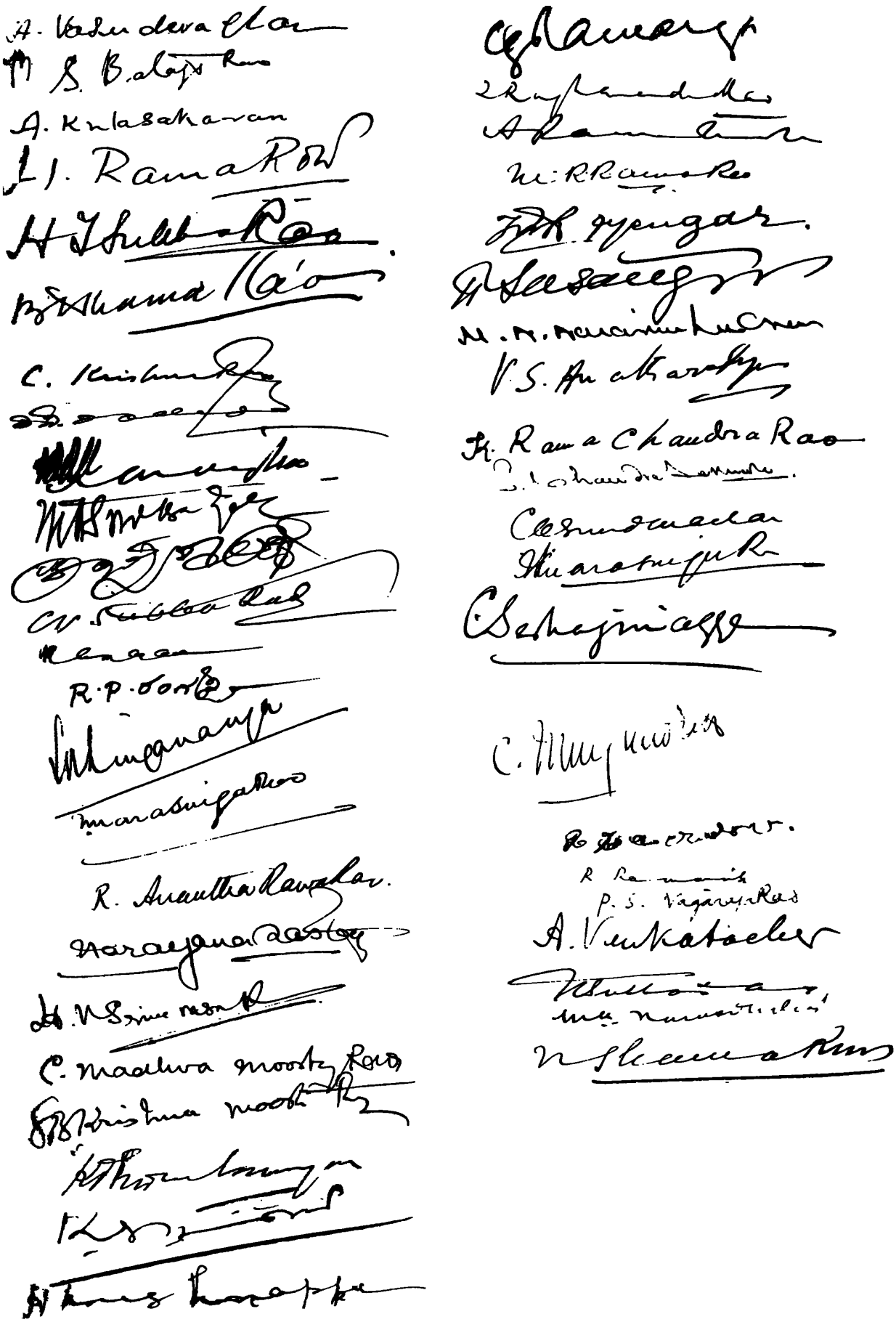
if any for the maintenance of the works. If the cost of the maintenance of the water supply is not fully realised by the present system of assessment, the system of assessment has to be revised. The cost of supply the free allowance of water now made must be excluded and the amount required for pumping the remaining quantity actually consumed should be calculated and charged for from the consumers, by providing meters for all houses having water service connection and by prohibiting and prosecuting in cases of use of water such as for gardens from public taps. If this is done and if there is still a necessity to raise the general water tax at all this may be undertaken.

Again the proposed flat rate of annas four per mensem for every house connection in the case of existing connections is not legal and the general water rates should be fixed so as to cover all cost of maintenance. There is not such a flat rate anywhere in British India nor is it levied in the Civil and Military Station Mangalore.

This protest will, we hope be duly considered and the resolutions of the Municipal Council, suitably modified.







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To

The Presidnet,

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CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE
BANGALORE.
General No. 13 Letter 29/4/25
Register No. 2782 of 30/4/25

S i r,

With reference to the Municipal Notification dated 30-3-1925 published in the Gazette dated 2nd April 1925 announcing the enhancement of water rates etc., on all houses and vacant sites with effect from 1st July, we the residents of Siddikatte and other parts of the City including Chickpet, Avenue Road &c., beg to protest against the proposals for the following reasons.

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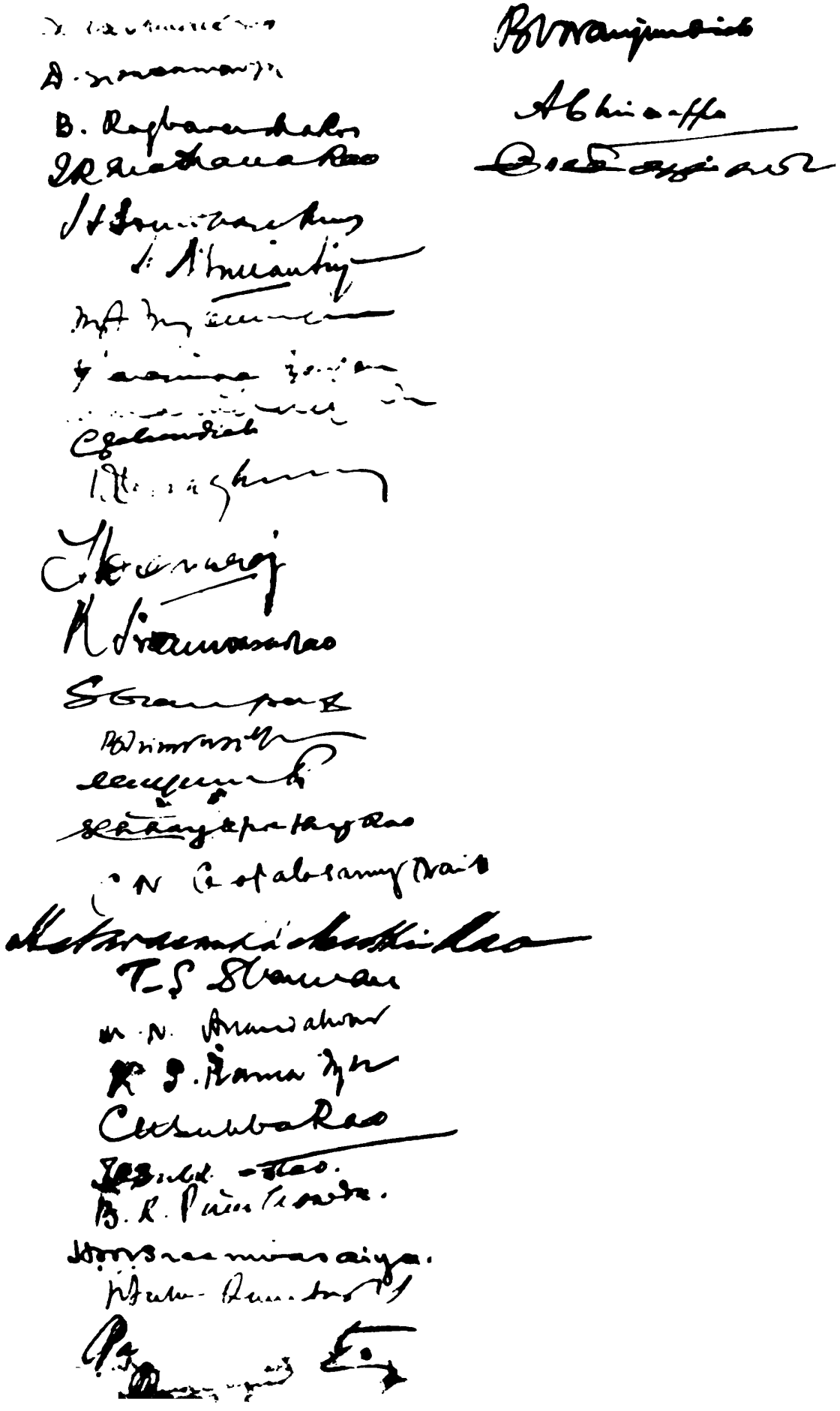

CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE
BANGALORE.
Date of Receipt
General No. 13594 Date 30/4/25
Register No. 27840 30/4/25

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Bangalore City,
Dated the 30th April 1925.

To

The Municipal Commissioner,
Bangalore City Municipality.
Bangalore City.

4.25

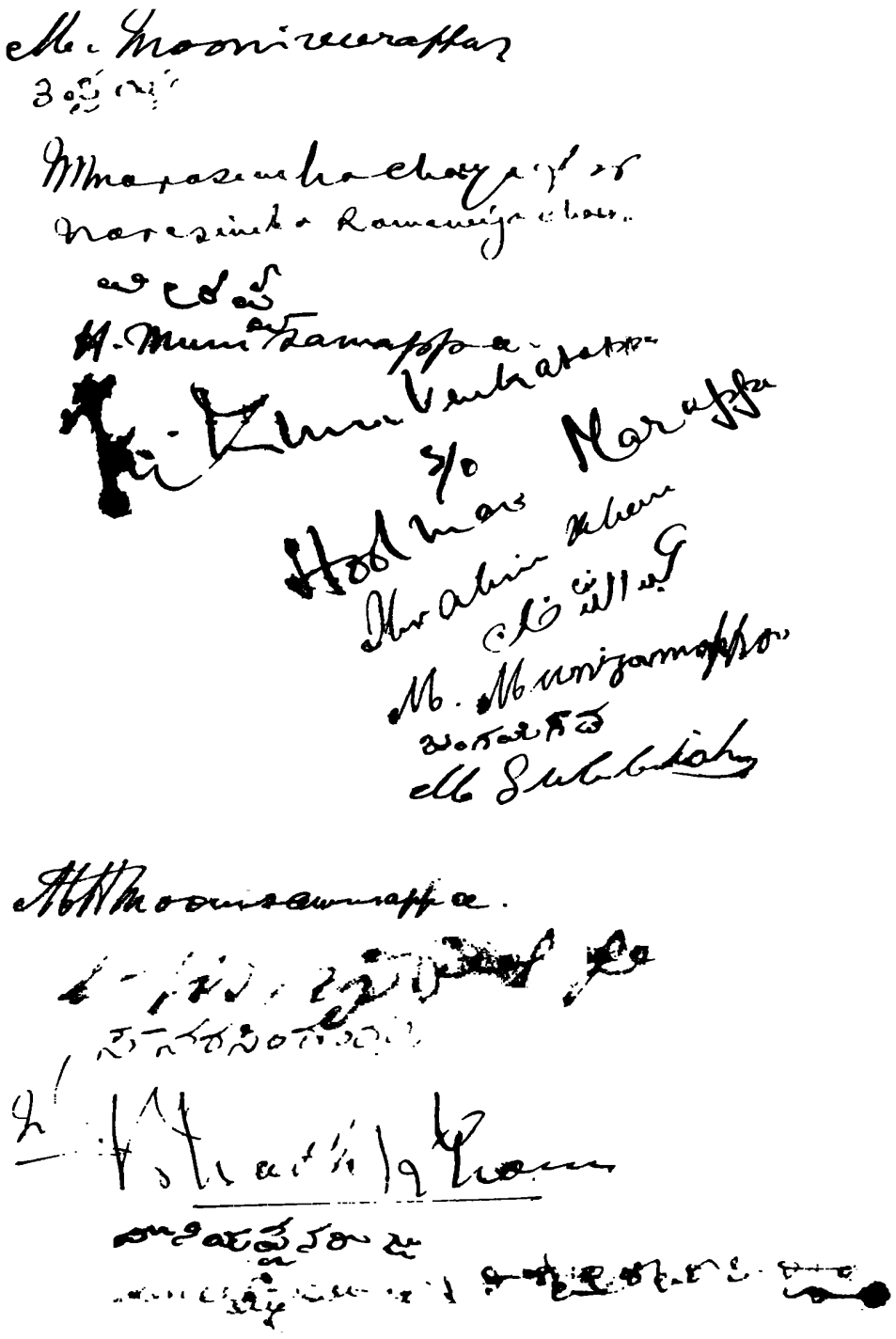
Respected Sir,

With reference to the notice issued on 30-3-25 regarding the increase in cess on various items mentioned in Schedule'A' of the rules and byelaws governing the said Municipality, we the undersigned house owning residents of the 6th Division, Bangalore City, beg to approach your honour with the following grievences for favour of gracious consideration and redress.

We beg to state that the increase in thexxxx cess, especially in these famine days when there is very keen struggle for mere existence, will very much add to the already existing misery and poverty of the people. It may not have avoided the kind notice of your honour as to how people have been struggling to pay even the current rate of cess in proper time. We need hardly say that the days that we are to push through reflect very hard times in store for us. From day to day the price of food stuffs are rising in leaps and bounds and when people with the present cess can hardly make both ends meet, it will not be a small wonder if we state that it appears highly impracticable and impossible for us to meet the increased rate of cess.

We therefore humbly beg to approach your honour with our prayer to kindly reconsider the

matter



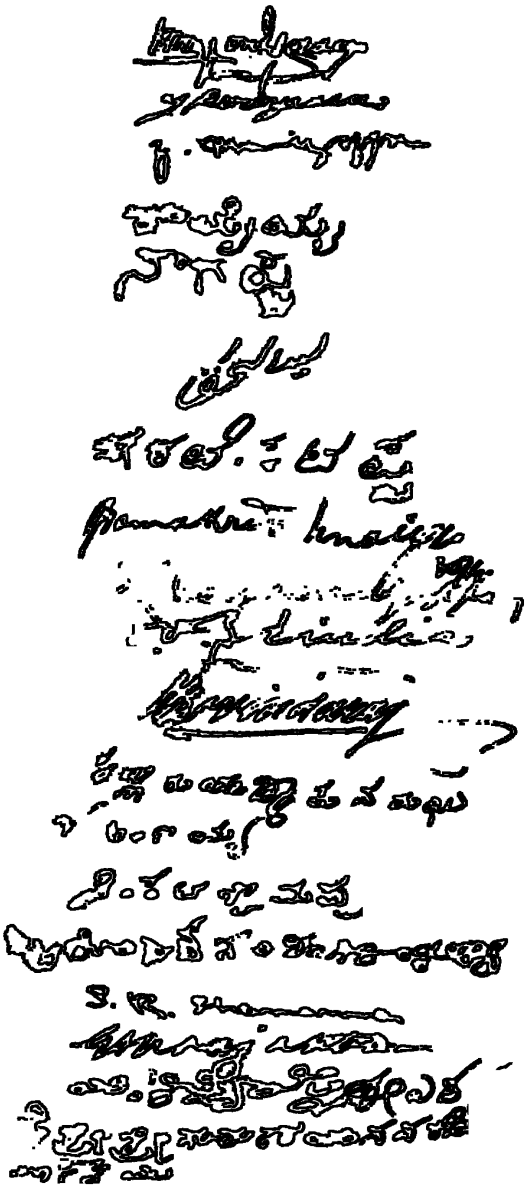
matter and let the present rate of loan continue, unless which we will be driven to the painful necessity of experiencing prolonged days of unspeakable misery and trouble. We sincerely hope that our humble prayer will appeal to your honour's kenign consideration and we are confident that this petition will not prove itself to be a mere cry in the wilderness.

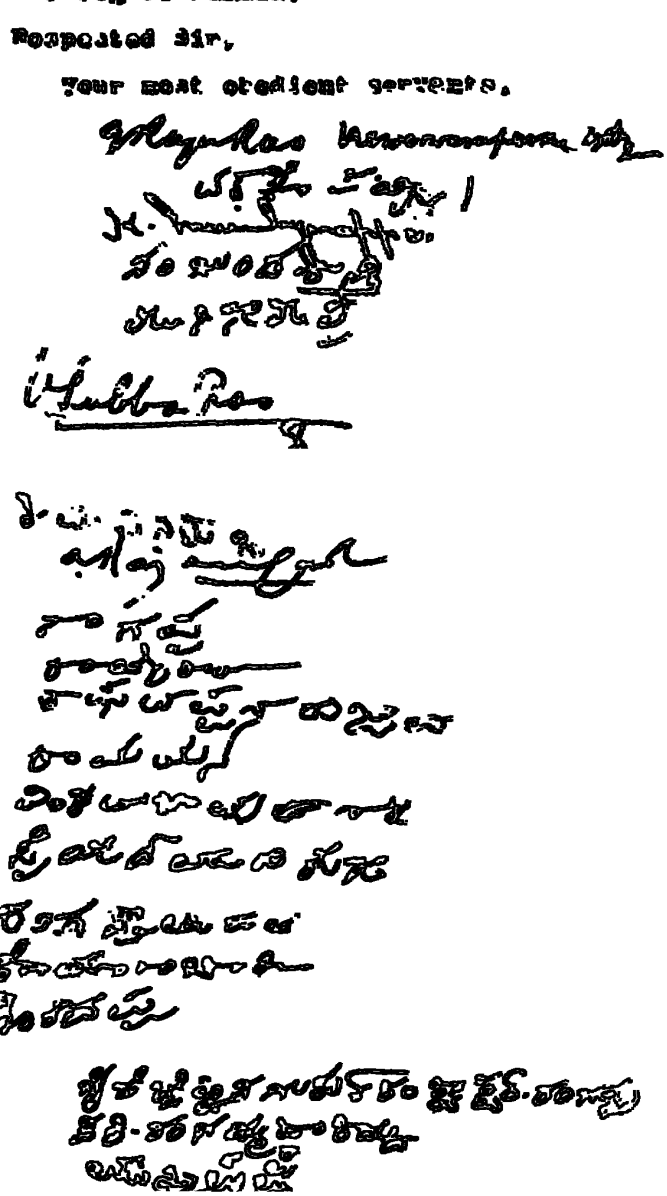
For which act of benevolence and generosity, we shall as in duty bound, ever pray for your honour's long life and prosperity.

We beg to remain,

Respected Sir,

Your most obedient servants.





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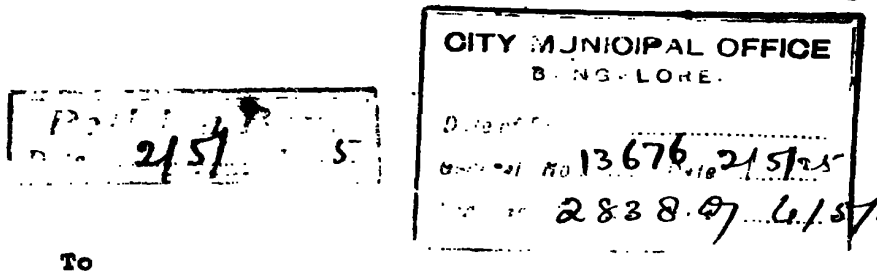

To

The Commissioner,

City Municipality,

Bangalore City.

Sir,

We the undersigned rate payers of the IV Division, Bangalore City, beg to protest against the proposed enhancement of the water rate and the toll gate fees and also the raising of a loan of Rs 1000000/- for improving the water supply of the City, as decided by the Municipal Council and published in the Mysore Gazette dated the 2nd April 1925.

We also submit that the Government may be requested to manage the Water Supply Department as they have been doing hitherto and not throw the burden on the rate payers by making over the management to the Municipality.

We need hardly say that we are already burdened with heavy taxation and that we are utterly unable to bear any further or additional taxation. If the Council considers that the expenditure has increased the receipts, the budget may be balanced by introducing a retrenchment scheme as was done by the Government some time ago in the various departments.

Bangalore City,
30th April 1925.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants,

A. Kempanna
Hanumanthappa,
B R Ramalingiah
Bhuthrappa
P Seshadrayan

M. R. Paul

R. Dasappa

Sulta Raja

R Samuel

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Mariyamma

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B. R. Daniell

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N. Ramaswamy.

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B. K. Narasingappa.

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THE SWARAJYA PARTY
OF
The Indian National Congress.
MYSORE STATE.

Recd 30-4-25

CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE
BANGALORE.
Date of Receipt .....
General No. 13526
Dated ... 1925
Subject ... 1925

Petition Box,
30th April 1925.

Jannikhandi House, Chikpet,
BANGALORE CITY.
30th April 1925.

To

The Municipal Commissioner,

Bangalore City Municipality,

Bangalore City.

Sir,

I beg to forward two applications in original received from the inhabitants of Basavangudi most of whom are members of our Swarajya Party and request you to kindly put the same before the Councillors for necessary orders.

Yours faithfully,
T. Bhimdas
Secretary.

To The Secretary Swarajya Party Mysore State Bangalore city

Dear Sir.

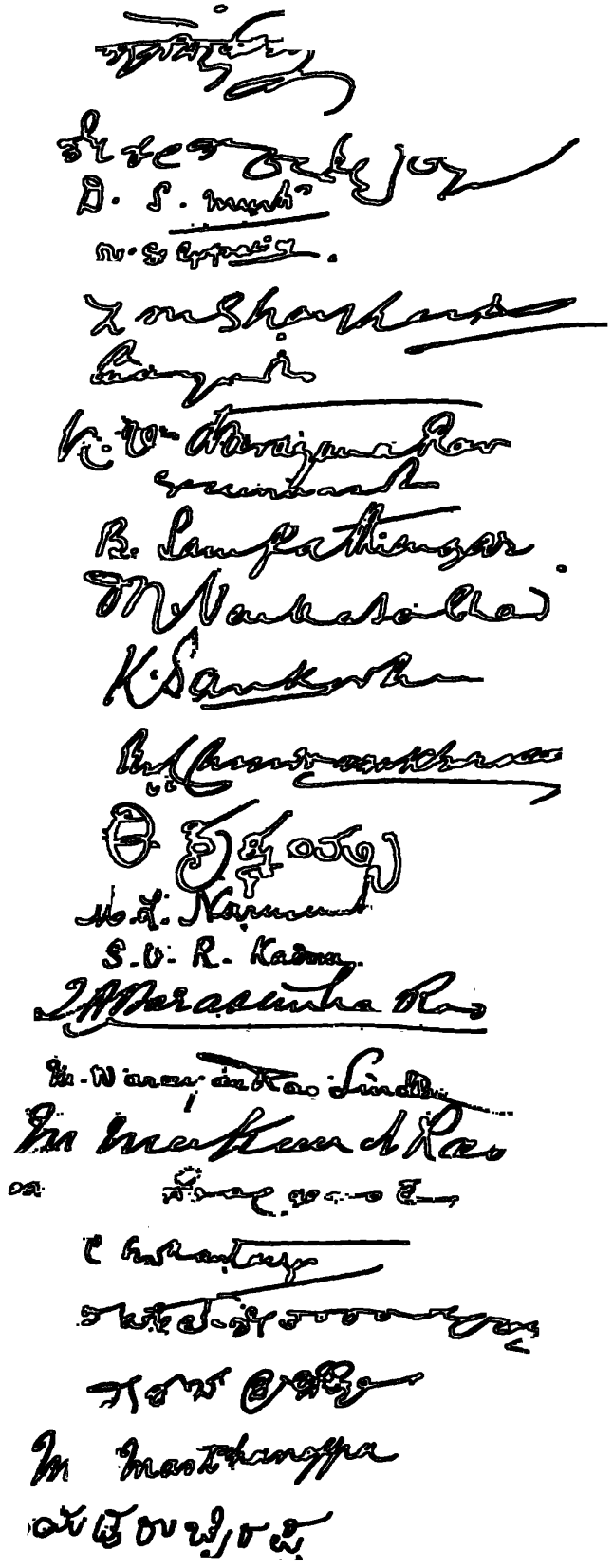
As desired by the signatories I beg to send herewith two applications viz. 1. protesting against the enhancement of water-tax and 2nd protesting against the auction sale of grazing grounds in the VIII division of the city municipality and to request you to forward the same to the proper authorities.

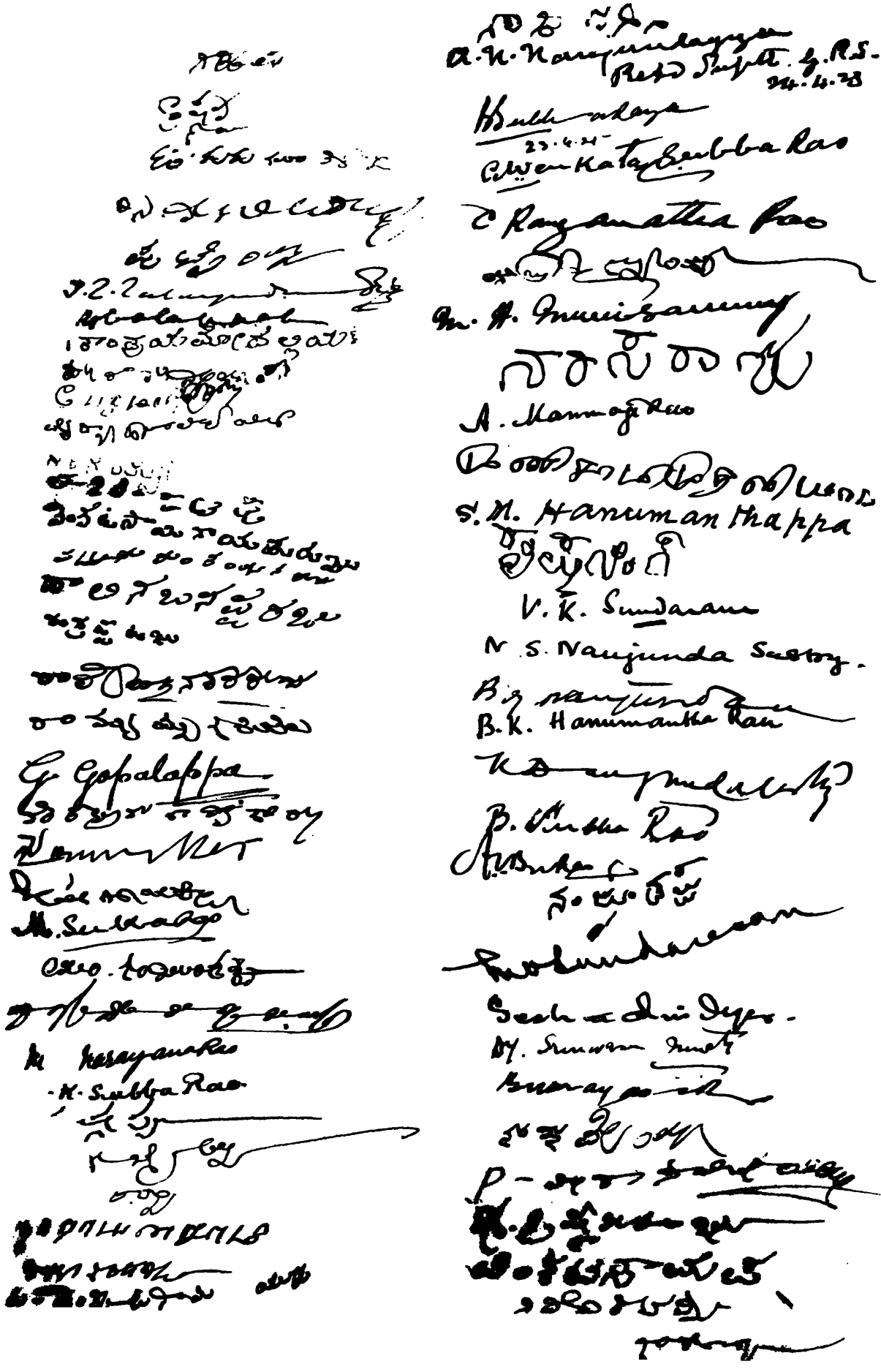
To Council

To Municipality

Yours faithfully
T. Lakshmipathi Naidu
No 20. Bazar street
Basavanagudi
Bangalore

7. 8. Bazar street
Basavanagudi





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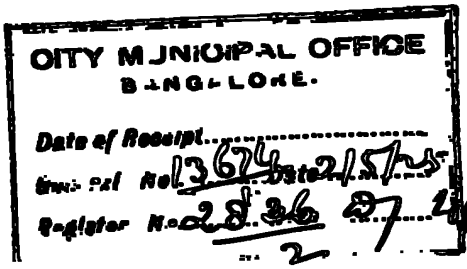
AFDER RAHIMAN, B.A.,

Paunkay Nawab Street,
Bangalore City.
Dated, 1st. May 1925.



To

The Honourary President,
City Municipal Council, BANGALORE

rec'd 2.5.25

Sir,

I beg to forward herewith a copy of the resolution passed at the protest meeting held on the 29th ultimo for your kind perusal.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Chairman of the meeting.

Proceedings of a Public Meeting of the "Rate Payers" of the Second Division, Bangalore City, held on the evening of the 29th April 1925 at the Band stand, Municipal Garden, Bangalore City, to protest against the increased water rate and levy of certain new taxes.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed at the meeting.

1. The entire Water Works system should continue to be under the control of the Government and the existing arrangement need not be disturbed.

Mover. Mr. J. Phima Rao.

Seconder. " S. Venkataramaniah.

2. The duplication of the rising main if it cannot be avoided must have the entire cost, borne by the Government, as the Water Works bear the honored and much respected name of H.H. the late Maharaja.

Mover. Mr. Jangamiah.

Seconder. " Laxminarainsetty.

3. The meeting urges that the Government should set apart from the budget, sufficient sum, annually, for the efficient and adequate supply of water to Bangalore City.

Mover. Mr. V.D. Pandith

Seconder. " Sanjivappa.

4. This meeting protests emphatically against the proposed enhancement of taxes and tolls, and urges that the following items shown in the budget, may be conveniently put off, without any detriment to the efficient administration of the Municipality.

Mover. Mr. Shamanna

Seconder. " Venkatappa.

Laying the Hosakote Road into a shop street. Rs.25,000

Construction of stall in the rear of the Market.	20,580.
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Acquisition of properties in front of the New General Market.	50,000.
Construction of additional shops in Sethu Rao Street.	12,000.
Mutton Market	20,000.
Storeyed shops in Mysore Road.	50,000

5. This meeting points out that the Municipal Administration of Bangalore City has become too costly and urges that earnest endeavours should soon be made to put down expenditure rigorously.

Mover Mr. S.M.M. Rasvi.
Seconder " P.L. Pyanna.

6. This meeting resolved that a deputation be organised to wait on the Dewan and if need be, on H.H. the Maharaja, personell to be selected, lateron, to submit the grievances of the people.

Proposer. Mr. W.N. Hanumanthappa.
Carried unanimously.

7. This meeting authorises the Chairman of the meeting to send copies of the resolutions to the Municipal Council, Dewan Sahib, Private Secretary to H.H. the Maharaja and to the Members of the Executive Council.

Proposer. Mr. Sanjeevappa.
Carried unanimously.

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Chairman of the Meeting.

CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE
BANGALORE.
Date of Receipt 1.5.25
Number 13642
Register No 2206 of 1925

From.

M.A.Jabbar Esqr,
Contractor,
Baunky Nawab Street,
B a n g a l o r e.

Bangalore:
1st May 1925.

To,

The Hon President,
City Municipal Council,
B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

I beg to forward herewith a copy of the resolution passed at the protest meeting held at 6 P.M. on the 30th ultimo for your kind information and necessary action.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Yours Obediently,
M.A.Jabbar

Rec'd 1.5.25
Mass meeting

proceedings of a meeting of the rate-payers of V Division held near Nodpet at 6 P.M. on 30-4-1925 for the purpose of protesting against the proposal of the City Municipal Council to levy some additional taxes with a view to meet the cost of intended improvement to City water supply.

Mr. Abdul Jabbar, Merchant, took the chair.

Then the following persons addressed the audience:--

Messrs. 1. K. Narayanaswami Iyer,
2. Swami Rao Deshpande,
3. J. Bhima Rao,
4. Abdul Salam,
5. H.V. Subrahmanyam,
6. Ramlal Thivari,
7. B.L. Byanna,
8. B. Abdur Rahman.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed at the meeting:--

1. This meeting protests against the proposed levy of additional taxes to meet the cost of intended improvement to City Water Supply.

Proposer:- Mr. Abdul Majid,
Seconder:- Mr. Kallappa.

2. This meeting resolves that as originally agreed, the Government should meet all expenses in connection with water-supply.

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Proposer:- Mahamed Ibrahim Shanur,
Seconder:- Mr. Rangaswamappa.

3. This meeting resolves that a deputation of rate-payers should wait upon the Dewan and if necessary on His Highness the Mahara; for the purpose of protesting against additional taxation.

Proposer:- From the Chair,
Seconder:- Mr. Dasappa.

4. This meeting emphatically protests against the proposal of the Municipality to borrow 10 lakhs of rupees for water-supply and some lakhs for drainage.

Proposer:- Mr. M.V. Subrahmanyam,
Seconder:- Mr. Aralappa.

5. This meeting authorises the Chairman of the meeting to send copies of the resolutions to the Municipal Council, the Dewan Sahib and the Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

Proposer:- Mr. Ramalal Tivari,
Seconder:- Mr. Abdulla Khan.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair and three cheers to His Highness the Maharaja.

M. Jabbar

Chairman of the Meeting.

Brother-in-law of Mr. Abdul Rahman

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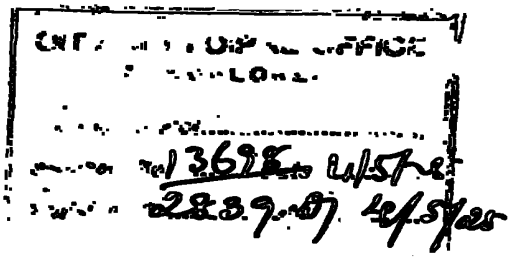


To,

The Commissioner,
City Municipality,
Bangalore.

Sir,

We, the undersigned rate-payers of the IV Division, Bangalore City, beg to protest against the decision of the City Municipal Council in reference to the matters mentioned hereunder :-

(1) The proposal to enhance the present water rate to 4½ per cent on the rental value of the buildings.

(2) The proposal to raise a loan of ten lakhs of rupees to improve the present water supply arrangements of the City.

(3) The proposal to raise the present rate of toll-gate fees.

(4) The proposal of the Municipality taking up the management of the Water-Supply Department from the Government.

2. The rate-payers are already burdened with heavy taxation. If the Municipal Council should introduce fresh or additional taxation, the rate-payers find it impossible to meet the same, especially in the present state of financial

difficulties.

3. It is suggested that the expenditure of the Municipality is more than the receipts and that the budget cannot be balanced in the present state of affairs. When such is the case, it is opposed to all reason to raise a big loan and burden the rate-payers with additional responsibility.

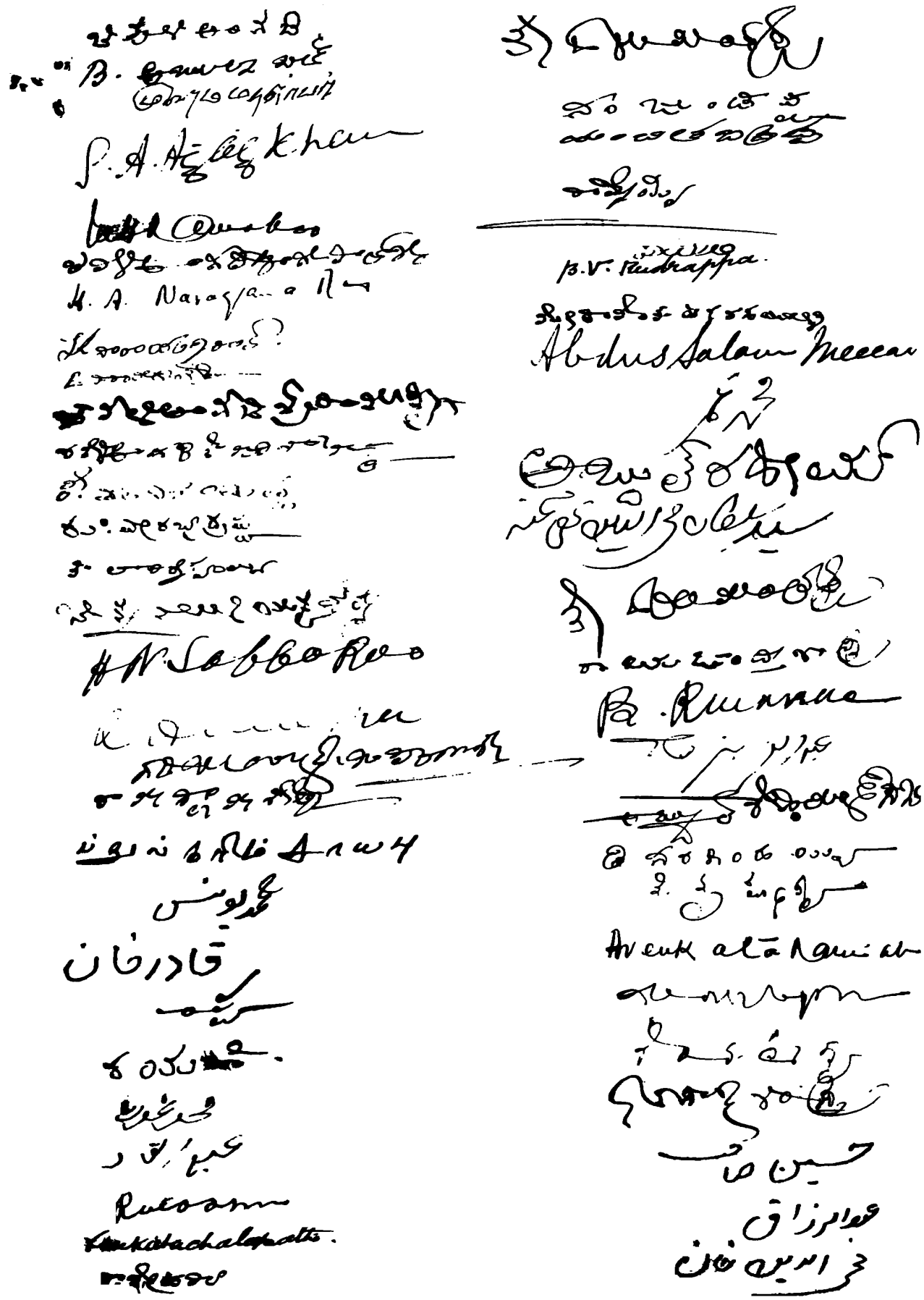
4. If the budget cannot be balanced, the Council can as well meet the expenditure by introducing a retrenchment scheme in all its departments as the Government were able to do some time ago.

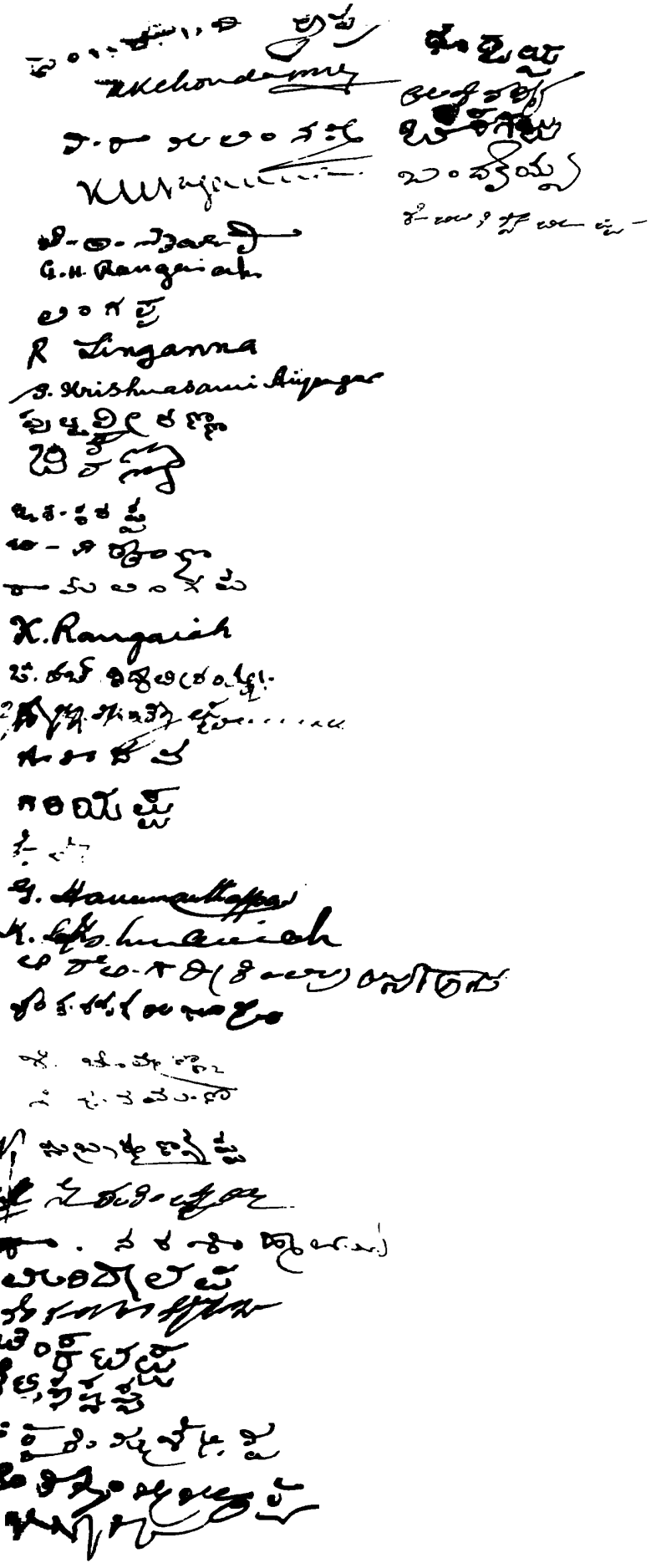
5. When the Water Supply Scheme was introduced into the City, the Government of Mysore decided to bear the whole cost of the works as well as the management of the same. They ordered that the Municipality should only contribute a fixed amount towards the establishment charges. This arrangement has continued till now and it looks ridiculous that the Municipal Council should take up the responsibility of managing this Department and prejudice the interests of the rate-payers.

We therefore strongly object to the above proposals of the Municipal Council and pray that the present arrangement might be allowed to continue as hitherto.

Bangalore City,
2nd May 1925.

We beg to remain, sir,
your most obedient servants





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From

The Rate-Payers' Association,
LALBAGH DIVISION,
BANGALORE CITY.

To

The President
City Municipality
Bangalore City.

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Dated 2nd May 1925

ಸನ್ 1925 ನೇ ಮೇ 1 ನೇ ತಾರೀಖಿನ ಶುಕ್ರವಾರ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಸುಮಾರು 9 ಘಂಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲಾಲ್ ಬಾಗ್ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯವರುಗಳ ಅನೌಪಚಾರಿಕ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಬಹಿರಂಗವಾದ ಪೂಟ್‌ಪಾತ್ ಮೇಲೆ ಯಾರೋ ದುರ್ಜನರು ಕಲ್ಲು ಬಿಸಾಕಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ಗಾಜಿನ ಕಿಟಕಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಭಾರೀ ಜಮೀನ್ದಾರರೂ ಮತ್ತು ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಆದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ನಂಜಪ್ಪನವರು ಅಸ್ವಾಸ್ಥ್ಯವನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಈ ಪ್ರಜ್ಞೆಯನ್ನು ಸಹಿತ ಲೋಕಲ್ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ಯಂಬ್ಯುಲೆನ್ಸ್ ವಾಗನ್ನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಇದಲ್ಲದೆ ಮೂರು ಕಂಬಗಳಿಂದ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಗಾಜುಗಳು ಪುಡಿಪುಡಿಯಾಗಿ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದವು.

ಈ ಹಿಂದೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಿಟಿ ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಯವರು ನೀರು ನೀರಬರಾಯಿಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಜೆಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಷ್ಟು ಕಾಲವನ್ನು ಮೂರಿ, ಅದರಿಂದ ನೀರು ಕೊಂಡಾಯಿಸಿ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಉಪಯೋಗ — ಮೈಸೂರು ಗೆಜೆಟ್ಟು, ಇತರ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿರುವ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಆರೀತಿಯಾಗಿ ಸುಮಾರು ಬಹು ಬಲವಾಗಿ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಿಸಿ ಮಾನ್ಯಾನೇಕಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾ॥ ಬೀಚೇಲ್ ಜೂಡ್ಗೀ ಸೊಲಿಸರು, ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯನವರು, ಮೈಯ್ಯನವರು, ಚೀಲ್ ನಂಜಪ್ಪನವರು ಮತ್ತೆರೆಯವರು ಮೂರಿದ್ದಲ್ಲದೆ ಈರೀತಿಯ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರುಗಳು ಮೂರಿಸಿದ್ದು ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ತಿಗೊಳಿಸಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ ಮುನಿಸಿಪಲ್ ಪ್ರೆಸಿಡೆಂಟರು ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರೆಸಿಡೆಂಟರಿಗೂ ಕೆಟ್ಟ ಹೆಸರು ಬರಲಿ ಹೊಡೆ ದೆಸೆಯಿಂದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ನಿಂತುಹೋಗಿದ್ದವು.

ಇದುವರೆಗೂ ಇರುವ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲೇ ನೀರು ನೀರಬರಾಯಿಗೆ ಬೇಕಾದಷ್ಟು ನೀರು ದೊರೆಯುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದೂ ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಕೆಲವು ಜಾಗಗಳಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಈಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಿಸಿ ನೀರು ಕೊಡಲಾರದೆಂದೂ, ಗತಿಸಿದ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜ ಚೌಮೇಂದ್ರ ಒಡೆಯರವರ ಜನ್ಮದಿನವಾದ ನಮ್ಮ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾಜನರಿಗೆ ಧರ್ಮಾರ್ಥವಾಗಿ ನೀರು ನೀರಬರಾಯಿಯಾಗುವಂತೆ ಅಭಯಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕೋರಿದರ ಪೆನೆಯಿಂದ ಒಂದುವೇಳೆ "ಪೈಪ್‌ಲೈನ್" ಚೀರೆ ಡಾರ್ ಚೀರೊಗಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರೆಸಿಡೆಂಟರವರೇ ಅದರ ಖರ್ಚಿಗೆ ಬೇಕಾದ ಹಣವನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಒದಗಿಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದೂ,

ಈ ಮಹಾಸಭೆಯವರು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಿಟಿ ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ಕೆಲವು ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳನ್ನು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಿಟಿಯ "ತ್ರೈವೇಜು" ಮತ್ತು "ಪ್ರಾಪರ್ಟಿ ಟ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್" ಬಾಬುಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೂರಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಈಮೂಲಕ ಕೋರಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಕಾಣಿಸಿರುವ ಬಾಬುಗಳನ್ನು ಈಗ ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಈ ಪ್ರಾಪರ್ಟಿ ಟ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೋರಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

(ಎ) ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ಚೆರಸ್ವಾಮಯ್ಯ ಬಾಬು ———— ರೂ 23,00

(ಬಿ) "ಗ್ರೇಯಿಂಗ್ ಬಜಾರ್" ರಂಗಪ್ಪನವರು ———— ರೂ 45

(ಸಿ) ಮಾರ್ಕ್ ಚೌಕಾಚೌರಾಬ್ಜಚಾರ್ಟ್ ಆರ್ಮಿಮಿಲ್ಲರ್ ———— ರೂ 50

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CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE
BANGALORE.
13840 5/5/25
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To

The City Municipal Council,

Bangalore.

Sir,

We the undersigned inhabitants of Bangalore City desire to enter our emphatic protest against the proposal to raise a loan of Rs. 10,00,000/- for the purpose of duplicating the rising main and to enhance the vacant site tax, the water rates, excess water charges and tolls and to levy a flat rate of 4 annas for house connection. In doing so, we beg to explain our position:

1. In the first place, it appears to us that as scarcity of water is felt mostly in summer months, adequate relief can be afforded by preventing the use of tap water for gardening and other purposes which are not of a domestic character. The duplication of the mains therefore, is in our opinion absolutely unnecessary.

2. Assuming, however, the said duplication to be necessary, the question next arises as to whether the work should be undertaken by the Government or by the Municipality. This question should be considered in the light of the history of water supply in Bangalore. The original cost of constructing the water supply works was wholly borne by the Government and there was no intention then of asking the Municipality to contribute either towards that cost or towards the cost of maintaining the works. Some years later the Government asked the Municipality to contribute towards the current

current expenses of the water supply works. The Municipality, agreed to do so and levied water rates for this purpose. This contribution which was at first fixed at Rs. 15,000 was gradually raised and finally fixed at Rs. 30,000 on the understanding that there should be no further enhancement.

The extensions would not have grown but for the assurance given by the Government about the water supply. The growth of the extensions, however, has created a larger demand for water; so that the present difficulties are traceable to the development of the extensions for which the Government are responsible.

During the last 30 years people have learnt to rely entirely on the Government for water supply and have neglected to provide their houses with wells. There seem to be several cases of people being refused permission for digging wells and of existing wells being closed at the instance of the authorities.

It is thus clear that the Government are solely responsible for the present helpless position of the people of Bangalore. Having regard to this fact as also to the assurances given by the Government from time to time and to the understanding arrived at between the Government and the Municipality it is just and equitable that the cost of duplicating the mains (if it is considered absolutely necessary to duplicate them) should be borne by the Government and not by the Municipality. We therefore, believe the Municipality was not right in readily undertaking this work at the suggestion of the Government.

Government.

3. It may perhaps be put forward as an excuse that as the consequences of neglecting or putting off the work further while carrying on a controversy with the Government about the liability for the cost of it might be serious, the Municipality had to take it in hand immediately. Granting it to be so for the sake of argument it was hardly desirable that the raising of a loan for Rs. 10 lakhs for the purpose should have been decided upon. It is doubtful whether having regard to the present state of its finances the Government will find it possible to advance such a heavy sum to the Municipality and that at 5 per cent while the Government has itself borrowed at the rate of 7 and 7½ per cent. If the Government were to refuse to accommodate the Municipality then the only course open will be to float a public loan in which case interest will have to be paid at a rate much higher than 5 per cent; probably at nothing less than 7½ or 8 per cent. The present calculations will be altogether upset in that case.

4. In fact there appears to be really no need for raising a loan at any rate for Rs. 10 lakhs even if we were to assume that the duplication of the mains is necessary and the cost of it has to be borne by the Municipality. At present the Municipality has approximately 6 lakhs of rupees in Bank deposit and State Loans. If the Municipality makes up its mind to utilise the above 6 lakhs with such grant as the Government may be pleased to sanction for the purpose of duplicating the mains, it may be found necessary to raise a loan of only 2 or 3 lakhs in order to complete the work. Such a loan can be easily discharged without unduly burdening

burdening the rate-payers. The objection to this Course appears to be that the 6 lakhs in the Bank and in the State loans will be required for continuing the construction of the New Market and for the construction of a grain bazaar, construction of shops in Sethu Rao's Street and new flesh and fish market, acquisition of properties near New Market and for work in connection with the Mosakote Road. But these are works which can be easily put off for the present. The New Market has reached a stage at which further construction can be stopped without any inconvenience or loss. If the Municipality accepts the view of the Chief Engineer about the need for duplicating rising mains then this work should be undertaken in preference to all other works. The further construction of the New Market and other works can be taken up later as finances permit and there is no urgent need for continuing them now.

5. The finances of the Municipality can be greatly improved without causing additional burden to the rate-payers if only certain desirable retrenchments are immediately effected. One of these is the abolition of the office of the Municipal Commissioner and Municipality should agitate and procure its abolition as early as possible.

6. The proposed enhancement of water rates, tolls, vacant site tax and excess water charge and the levy of a flat rate are certain to weigh heavily on the rate-payers and we are therefore wholly opposed to them. We feel that other and less oppressive modes of increasing the Municipal revenues could have been thought of if it was considered necessary to increase them.

7. In any case it is clearly inequitable that for benefit which we may possibly receive after the work of

of duplicating the mains is completed we should be made to pay even before the work is commenced.

8. Lastly, we are not convinced the question in its various aspects has received that amount or consideration which is required.

9. We are, therefore, wholly against any enhancement of water rates, vacant site tax, tolls and excess water charges and against the levy of the proposed flat rate in respect of house connection.

We pray that the Municipal Council be pleased to reconsider the matter carefully in the light of the points urged above and to rescind the resolutions for enhancing the water rates, vacant site tax, tolls and excess water charges and for levying the proposed flat rate.

We further pray that the said resolution may be kept in abeyance in the meanwhile.

We are, Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

N. S. Nagunda Sastry.

S. Radhaswamy Mudigar

P. Rukmabai

P. S. Krishnaiah

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Basavangudi Extn
Bangalore, City.
Dated, 8th May 1925

CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE
BANGALORE.
Date of Receipt 9.5.25
General No. 14092 Date 21.5.25
Register No. 22465 Date 9.5.25
21.5.25

Sir,

I beg to forward herewith a copy of the resolutions passed at the meeting of rate-payers of the Division at 6 P.M. on 7th instant in the hall of the London Mission High School for favour of perusal and necessary action

remain,

Yours obediently,

V. V. Nayana Murthy B.A.
Advocate
Chairman of the Meeting

Received 5/25

To Council

The Commissioner,
Bangalore City Municipality,
BANGALORE.

Proceedings of the meeting of the Rate-Payers of the IV Division held in the London Mission High School at 6 P.M. on the 7th instant to protest against the levy of additional taxes for improvement of water-supply to the City. Over 200 persons attended.

Mr. Narain Murti, P.A., P.L., Advocate, was voted to the chair.

Messrs. M.P. Somasekhara Rao, Siddaveerappa, Hanumanthappa, P. Abdur Rahmon, J. Bhima Rao, Abdul Salam and B.L.Eyanna spoke against the proposal to raise a loan of 10 lakhs for duplicating the raising main, the proposed enhancement of taxes, tolls, water-rates etc., and proposal to undertake some costly works for beautifying the market etc. They also urged for substantial retrenchment in the establishment of the Municipality.

Mr. K. Narayanaswami Iyer explained the aim and object of the several resolutions on the agenda and exhorted the audience to pass them unanimously.

The following resolutions were then unanimously adopted:-

1. That this meeting opines that, if it is considered really necessary to duplicate the rising mains, the cost thereof should be met by the Government and not by the Municipality.

Mover:- Mr. Sankariah Chetty,
Seconder:- " P. Venkatasamiah.

2. That this meeting protests against the proposal to raise a loan of Rs.10 lakhs for the purpose of duplicating the rising-mains

Mover:- Mr. K. Narayana Sastry.
Seconder:- " Anjanaya Setty.

3(a) That this meeting emphatically protests against the proposed enhancement of taxes, tolls, water rates and excess water charges and the proposed levy of flat rate for house connections.

3. (b) That this meeting hereby confirms the petitions sent to the Commissioner in this matter by the rate-payers of this division.

Mover:- Mr. Abdulla Khan,
Seconder:-" P.A. Abdul Razaq.

4. That this meeting is of opinion that the undermentioned works should be put off for the present:-

(a) Further construction of shops in the new market,

(b) Construction of shops in the Sethu Rao's Road,

(c) Improvement of Koskote Road, and

(d) Acquisition of properties near the market.

Mover:- Mr Mohamed Jaffer Sahab,
Seconder:-" P. Kavetappa.

5. That this meeting is of opinion that the establishment of the Municipality is too costly and that there is urgent need for substantial retrenchment.

Mover:- Mr. H. Appiah Chetty,
Seconder:- " B.W. Narayana Rao.

6. That this meeting authorises the Chairman of the Meeting to send copies of the above said resolutions to the Honorary President of the Municipality, the Dewan Sahab and the Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

Mover:- Mr. Ghante Doddanna,
Seconder:- " Abdulla Khan.

7. That a deputation be arranged to wait on the Dewan, and if, necessary, on His Highness the Maharaja, to represent the grievances of the citizens of Bangalore City in connection with the proposed enhancement of taxes, tolls and water-rates etc.

Mover:- Mr. K. Parisamappa,
Seconder:- " C.N. Adimurthappa.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Chairman and the Principal of the London Mission High School for having kindly lent the hall for the meeting.

The meeting came to a close with three cheers to HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

M.V. Narayana Murthy
Chairman.

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To

The Presidnet,

City Municipal Council,

Petition Box,
Date 9-5- 1925.

B a n g a l o r e.

CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE
BANGALORE.
Received no. 1407 Date 9-5-25
Dy. No. 2569 Date
9/5/25

S i r,

With reference to the Municipal Notification dated 30-3-1925 published in the Gazette dated 2nd April 1925 announcung the enhance ment of water rates etc., on all houses and vacant sites with effect ls y, we the residents of Siddikatte and other parts of the City including Chickpet, Avenue Road &c., beg to protest against the proposals for the following reasons.

1. It is an undisputed fact that the whole population of Bangalore have long been suffering from an acute water famine in spite of the fact that the large number of public taps have been closed to give a continuous flow of water to the remaining taps. To improve this condition the Municipality proposed to enhance the rates for the supply of water.

2. In the principle the taxes imposed by the Municipality are for services rendered by them. It will be only fair and equitable to enhance the rates after improvements are actually affected and better facilities are provided. The Municipaltiy's decision is to take over the water works from July next year and it is premature and ultra-vires to levy the enhanced revenues from July this year. The present rates for water supply, lighting, conservancy &c., already exeed the amount of house tax on which the former is based and as such further increases such as those now proposed tell very heavily on the house-holders and this is not the proper time being famine time to levy such rates.

If any enhanced rates are to be levied, the rate has to be so fixed as to be just sufficient to make for the loss if any for the maintenance of the works. If the cost of the maintenance of the

water

as [illegible] realised by the prsent system of assessment the system of assessments has to be revised. The cost of supply for the free allowance of water now made must be excluded and the amount required for pumping the remaining quaintity actually consumed should be calclated and charged for from the consumers, by providing meters for all houses having water service connection and by prohibiting and prosecuting in cases of use of water such as for gardens &c., fro-public taps. If there is still a necessity to raise the general water tax at all this may be undertaken.

Again the proposed flat rate of annas four per memnsem for every house connection in the case of existing connections is not legal and the general water rates should be fixed so as to cover all cost of maintenance. There is not such a flat rate anywhere in British India nor is it levied in the Civil and Military Station Bangalore.

This protest will, we hope be duly considered and the resolution of the Municipal Council suitably modified.

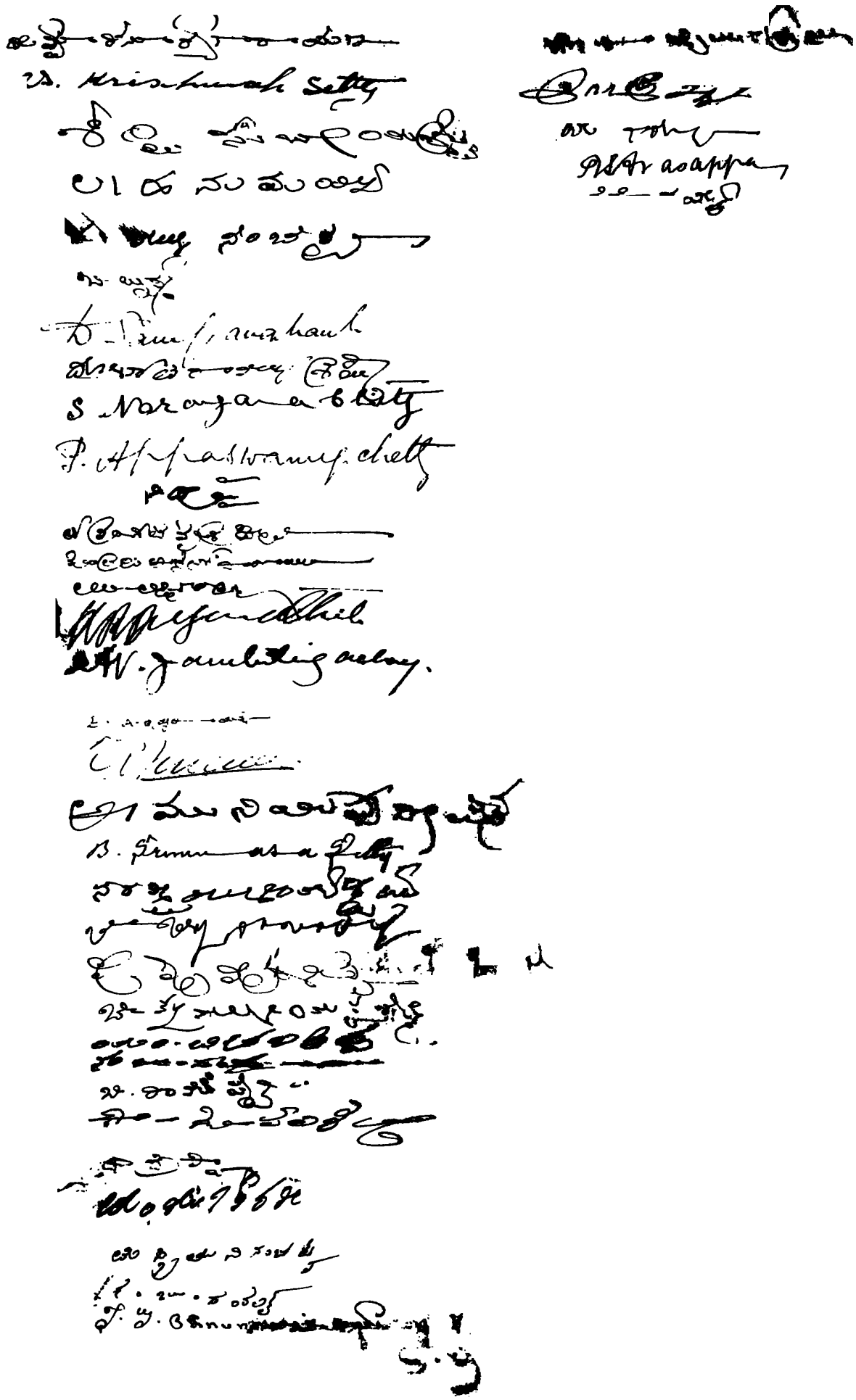
S. Kempanna.

A. Gopal Lal

B. Lakshmana chetty

A. Ramachandra

M. yellap



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Date 15/5/ 1925.

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CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE
BANGALORE.
Date of Receipt
General No. 14366 Dated 15/5/25
Register No.

The Commissioner,
Bangalore City Municipality,
Bangalore.

Sir,

We, the Rate Payers of the III Division solicit that the ordinary meeting of the Municipal Council convened for the 18th instant for consideration of the petitions from the public with regard to the enhancement of taxes for the improvement of water supply may be postponed and that a special meeting of the council may be held for the purpose on the 22rd instant so that we the Tax Payers may have an opportunity to attend the meeting and watch the proceedings.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
your most obedient servants

Bangalore City
12-5-25

V. Venkatasubbaiah

V. Venkadesaiah

K. Subbaraya Setty

B. Puttaiah.

A. Subbarao

B.A. Narasimhaiah

M. Narayanarao

A. Subbarao

B.A. Narasimhaiah

M. Gangadharappa.

B. Suryanarayana Rao

N. Narayana Setty

Send this petition to the Commissioner for favour of disposal.
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CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE
BANGALORE.
Date of Receipt 11-5-25
Bangalore Inward No. Date
Registered No. Date

The Commissioner,
Bangalore City Municipality
Bangalore

Sir,

We, the Rate Payers of the II Division solicit that the ordinary meeting of the Municipal Council convened for the 18th instant for consideration of the petitions from the public with regard to the enhancement of taxes for the improvement of water supply may be postponed and that a special meeting of the council may be held for the purpose on the 23rd instant so that we, the Tax Payers, may have an opportunity to attend the meeting and watch the proceedings.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants

P. Lakshmi Rao
B. Hiranmachar
H. Thimmaiah
H. Venkatalakshmamma
H. Narasimhaiah
Subbarayappa
Sadashivaiah
Ramaswamy
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Memo

Forwarded to the Asst Engineer
for report

Asst Commissioner
19-5-25.

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S. Venkatesa

K. Ramaswamy

S. V. Ramaiah

T. Ramaiah

R. P

S.V.Reddy

30-4-25

For Copy Book

To

The Commissioner,

The City Municipality,

BANGALORE CITY.

Sir,

We, the undersigned Rate Payers of the 2nd Division, Bangalore City, beg to bring the following to your kind notice and immediate action:-

1. Mr. Belur Srinivasiengar, Advocate and Municipal Councillor, 2nd Division, Bangalore City, at the Municipal Council Meeting held on 16th Feb 25 for enhancing the Water Tax, Etc., to meet the expenses of duplicating the main water pipe and to meet the interest payable on 10 lacs of Rupees to be raised for the above purpose, said in the course of his speech that he had made enquiries of the Rate Payers of his Division as to what they thought on the question of enhancement of Water Taxes under contemplation. He further said that the Rate Payers were against any such enhancement, but on his explaining to them the advantages that would accrue by the enhancement, the Rate Payers saw how it was to their advantage and expressed their willingness for the enhancement.

2. At a largely attended Meeting of the Rate Payers of the 2nd Division, they held a protest meeting on 30-4-25, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Abdur Rahman, B.A., Municipal Councillor, and unanimously resolved that no enhancement of Water Tax should be levied. One of the Rate Payers stood up and questioned how it was that they had through the Councillor of their Division agreed to pay the enhancement. The Rate Payers, in a body, denied having ever been consulted on the subject and thereby giving their con-

consent to the enhancement.

3. At another Meeting held in the London Mission Collegiate High School for a similar purpose by the Rate Payers of the 4th Division, on 7th April 1925, under the Chairmanship of Mr. M. V. Narayana Murthy, Advocate, it was resolved as follows:- Mr. Hanumanthappa, Municipal Councillor of the 2nd Division, who attended the Meeting, pointed out that, what Mr. Bolur Srinivasiengar said in his speech as published in the Mysore Gazette dated 19th March 25 was false and unauthenticated, and that no one of the Rate Payers of the 2nd Division who were present at the Meeting stood up to say that Mr. Bolur Srinivasiengar had been authorised by them to say what he said as their Spokesman at the Municipal Council.

4. In conclusion, we the undersigned, further beg to state that we have, in addition to what was ascertained at the aforesaid public Meetings, made private enquiries in the 2nd Division and are convinced that Mr. B. Srinivasiengar made the statement as published in the Gazette on his own authority without consulting the Rate Payers of the Division. As the conduct on the part of the said Councillor runs counter to the interests of the Rate Payers, we beg that further enquiries in the matter may be made by the Municipal Authorities, if need be, and that it is absolutely necessary in the interests of the Rate Payers that Mr. Bolur Srinivasiengar, who does not enjoy our confidence, may be asked to resign his Councillorship in grace, and a new election held to select a proper representative to represent their interests.

Thanking you in anticipation,

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,

BANGALORE,
Dated [illegible] -1925.

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